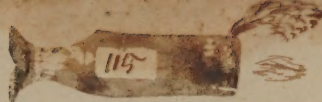




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James Carters



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Journal of a Voyage to the Indian Ocean in the Whaler
Ship St Peter Commencing October 1849 & terminating

(Who Rose this)

John Shaw) November 5th 1849



Rose a School of whales lowered 3 Boats the Lar-
board boat struck one which made 92 bl

John Shaw) January 15th 1850



Rose a School Saw a lone right whale lowered 3 bls
Struck & got storn the larboard boat however got him
he made 115 bl (202)

(Mr Ryder) April 10th 1850



Rose a School of Sperm Whales at 3 O'clock
Lowered & Chased until sundown but was unsuccessfull

(Mr Ryder) April 12th 1850



48 bls

At 6th rose a School of Sperm Whales (Cows & calves)
& succeeded in getting one the larboard Boat struck
first but the waist Boat killed him, the lar-
board Boat got storn & had to cut him

Mr Lee April 13th



Rose a large
School of Sperm Whales James Carter in the waist

(March 26th 1850 Sighted the Island of
Mahee.

April 13th Continued

Boat fastened & killed on Mr Ryder the other
both Calves. Gamed with the Bark Bruce Capt
Miller.

April 14th

Just before sunset lowered after a school of
sperm whales larder struck but drewed

April 17th

Six men the out to Day Rose a sail 4 Nts. to
our starboard bow six men with 9pm & a night
whales hard luck

April 22nd

Lowered away the Boats after a school of Sperm
whales but did not succeed in getting any the Capt
was in the WB

" 23^d

At 9 o'clock Rose a school of sperm whales
chased untill 1 M when the Boats returned on
board At 3^{1/2} Rose some more lowered again

Chased untill just at sunset when where the Lar=
board struck & drew (it was a tangle iron)

24th

Lowerd again to Day but the whales seem to be going
to windward & very fast at that. Capt in the waist
Boat we are on the Maker Banks

May 14th 1850 (H Furguson)

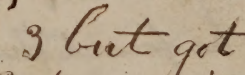
At 2 O'clock P M Rose a school of
Sperm whales off Lennis Island Low=
ernd all 3 Boats, each boat succeeded in
getting one whale a piece

(E Wood)

Sunday May 26th



At 11 o'clock A M. rose a school of Sperm whales about
7 miles from the Maker banks lowerd, the Larboard Str=
uck 94 lb



The others got 1 each. the waist boat
tangle iron drew 1st time but 2nd iron down the business
I killed him. Thursday May 30th finished trying out

June 1st 1850

All hands engaged in stowing down the oil.

55-21 ^{66 gals} June 3rd 1850 Mr Ryder

Made Fingate Island at 8 o'clock Capt went ashore & returned on board at 11 o'clock A.M. we got a few Coconuts Plantains &c. — At 4 o'clock P.M. rose a school of Spm. whales lowered all 3 boats the Starboard boat returned on board at 5² having got stove in fastening to a whale. the Larbord boat took her whale. — The waist boat fastened to a whale & got stove very badly the Capt did not know she was stove until after dark we passed close to them. at 7 o'clock when Mr Lee told us he was stove so bad he could not pull any we immediately wore ship but it being so dark & the boat having no light we did not get very nigh them. finally the Capt sent a 4th boat to their assistance with the orders to pick up every thing & make the boat fast to the ^{whale} but the boat steerer misunderstood him. he found the boat capsized got the crew into the boat & then told Mr Lee to make the line fast to the boat & return on board Mr Lee did so when what was his surprise when close to the ship to hear the Capt. say hold on I don't want your line yet I've got no him Sir well to make a long story short Mr Lee returned to find his whale but returned in an hour & half unsuccessful. he then with three Volunteers went down to Mr Ryders boat to stop all night with that whale & let Mr

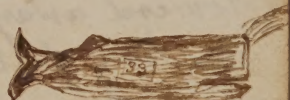
Ryder came on board. — June 4th at 8 O'clock rose the waist
boat right ahead Mr Ryder went & picked & got the whale
alongside. then picked up the boat or rather what was left
of her she is good for nothing being stow all to pieces.
at 9¹ got the other whale alongside & commenced cutting in.

June 8th

Stowed down the oil. — Capt Andreas of brig Colum-
bus came on board last Wednesday he has got no more oil
since we last spoke him. 347 bbls sperm & 115 wright whale oil
total 462 bbls

June 13th

At 9¹



Rose a school of sperm whales breaching toward the
boats the Starboard boat struck but the toggle iron drew
boats returned on board at 12 M, at 2 O'clock P.M. lowered
again & the larbord boat got one. the Starboard got stove
slightly. — when cutting in Mr Lee got his head cut
badly Captain sewed it up. — at 7¹ finished cutting in
the whale.

June 22nd

Saw one of the African Islands & a Bark lying at anchor this
Capt went aboard & found her to be the George Porter that
was wrecked on cows Is a short time ago she is now called
Sir George Anderson in honor of the Governor of Mar-
ritius & Isle of France. She is trading with Pondicherry
we found out by her that the bark Poslin was in Mohn
& thither we are bound. not very good weather now

(Mr Ryder) June 27th

At 6 o'clock AM rose a school of sperm whales at 92'
lowerd away, Tarbord bt struck & drawed but succeeded in
making fast & killing her whale it was blowing a double
reefed top sail breeze all the time. The waist boat boat
struck but a sea capsized her a few minutes after. she was
obliged to cut her line & the whale went off spouting thin
blood lost 3 lances 2 irons 4 oars 1 hatchet 1 knife 2 boats
sails & 2 lines. they was 32 hours on top of the boat. 1 man came
very near losing his life he was all of 4 or 5 minutes under water
his shipmates gave him up on time. we were to leeward of Cow
Island.

Sunday June 30th 1850

Weather pleasant & wind strong from S. to East. Tacked
& stood S. W. by South, saw a sail off our weather bow. - The sail
was the Barque B. Gosnold of N. Bedford Captain Taber
36 mos out with 1950 bbls 450 Humpback. She is just from Makua
where she has been expecting us. Capt Taber came on board at
10 o'clock A.M. & remained during the day. - At 3 o'clock saw the
Ship ~~Arabella~~ Arabella Capt Maxwell & he sailed the same
day we did but sprang a leak off the Western Islands & was
obliged to return home for repairs.

Monday ~~27th~~ July 1st

All hands engaged breaking out meat for the Barque.
we brought out 50 bbls for her.

Sunday July 21st 1850

(in Bohni harbor)

Tighted the Islands Sat. 32nd P.M. dropped anchor, at 4. the
Health Doctor came on board & gave us permission to get wood &
water, &c.

28th

Starboard watch on shore H. Sutherland and McDougal
ran away.

30th J. Parker ran away & so our liberty

is stopped. Starboard watch on shore.

July 31st

Caught J. Parker. & gave him a \$20. August 1st Captain
gone to Mahee after Police to catch the men.

Sunday August 4th

H. Sutherland & A. McLeougall gave themselves up. Capt
arrived from Mahee & 5th has sent two Policemen off after the men.
Capt seized the two men up in the main rigging & gave H.S.
H. & A.M. 9 lashes. the Capt on overhauling H. Sutherlands
clothes found 2 pistols 1 canister of powder bullets slugs &c
The Steward was sent forward. got under weigh. J. Carter
boatsteward & Steward

August 27th

Sighted the coast of Africa. - 30 off Magadora.
3rd Bound for Algeria. saw nothing on the coast.

October 3rd 1850

Sighted Eagle & St Jose Islands in sight with several
other smaller ones

Oct. 14th Lat 4-16

At 15 m^{ts} past four o'clock P.M. Mr Lee rose a school of
sperm whales 2 point of the lee bow lowered all the Boats &
Struck 3 Cow whales. the Larboard Boat 2 West Boat
1 the Starboard Boat got storm & returned the ship after
picking up one of the dead whales.

Thursday October 17th 1850. Ammirant
Finished trying out at 11 o'clock last night.

Thursday Oct 24th
Stowed down the bil wick made 74 lbs Light winds and pleasant
weather standing under topsails courses and jib

Friday Oct 25th
Light winds standing E N E under all sail. Passed Roches
Island at at 2 P.M. about 5 miles distant

Saturday Oct 26th
Light winds from the S stood N by W till 3 P.M. when
we made Eagle Island and wore around to N.E.
From Oct 27th to November 5th not any thing occurred
worthy of note nothing has been seen or taken

Tuesday Nov 5th
Moderate breezes & pleasant weather sighted Praslin at
1 P.M. bearing W. Stood towards it with the intention of
going in but was prevented from the lightness of the wind
Tacked ship at 6 standing off to the N.E.

Wednesday Nov 6th
At one of M dropped anchor off Praslin in 11 fathoms
of water After the health officer visited us we kept
casks ashore for water &c

Ship Pt Peter Thursday Nov 7th 1856 Braslin Harbor
Took off water &c &c In the afternoon the 2nd Mate and
Cooper kicked up a row arising from a misunderstanding
about becketing some casks sent ashore for the mate who
aboard and put him in double irons

Saturday Nov 9th

Heighed anchor at Mth and stood out to sea Stowed
the anchors at 2 P.M. Weather showery with light winds

Sunday Nov 10th

A light breeze from S steering N.E. In the afternoon
gammed with the Barge United States of Westport
Peckings master 16 months out with 250 bbls sperm

Monday Nov 11th

Light and variable winds with wet and rainy weather
Gammed with the W^m Lee of Newport B. P. Lee master with
900 sperm and 250 Humpback just returned from Mozambique

Tuesday Nov 12

Light winds and wet weather Gammed with the Barge
Montezuma of N Bedford Mass Allen master 9 mos out
350 bbls sperm Capn Lee went aboard the M at 4 P.M.

Wednesday Nov 13th

Rainy with light winds steering N.E. making a
passage from Payshelles to Maldives Is

1858 Ship St Peter Thursday Nov 14th from Seychelles to Maldives
Light winds and pleasant weather steering E. N. E. Lowered
the boats for Blackfish but without success Nothing
of note happened till

Saturday Nov 23^d

Light winds from the W steering E. N. E. At 7 A.M. sighted
the southernmost islands of the Maldive group at noon
there was 45 islands in sight At 3 P.M. altered the
course to E about the same time the wind hauled to W N W

Saturday Nov 26th from Maldives to Solomon

Light winds and fine weather steering close hauled S W
At 6 A.M. raised a lone whale Lowered the boats and chased
till 10 P.M. and returned aboard The larboard boat started
but missed Lowered at 1/2 past 2 but without success

Sunday Dec 1st

Wind strong and variable from westward steering Northward
Raised the whale again at 1 P.M. Lowered the boats and
the assist boat fastened about 3 Took him alongside at 4
commenced cutting in at 5 and finished at 11 evening

Monday Dec 9th

All hands Commenced boiling at 9 A.M. stood to the
southern and westward under double reef with pleasant
weather and strong and variable winds

1880 Ship St Peter Tuesday Dec 3^d off Palomares Is
Continued boiling In the forenoon had light & variable winds &
pleasant weather with all sail set Afternoon squally and rainy
Finished boiling at 6 P.M. and double reefed topsails still stowed

Thursday Dec 5th Lat 4° 49' S. Lon 73° 40' E
A dead calm continued during the day till 12 at night

Friday Dec 6 Lat 5° 13'

Light and variable winds from Northward & Westward steering Westward
& Southward Took in light sails at night

Saturday Dec 7th

Strong winds from WNW steering close hauled S.W. At 9 A.M.
run on soundings of 7 fathoms Tackel and stood N by W Afternoon
rainy Double reefed and furled mainsail & main top gallant sail at 5 P.M.

Sunday Dec 8th Lon 73° 30' East

In the morning the wind was strong from W but fell during the
forenoon to almost a calm steering N.N.W. weather cloudy

Afternoon calm till 4 o'clock when a light breeze sprang up

Monday Dec 9th S

Was calm and pleasant excepting a heavy shower at noon
Towards night a light breeze sprang up from N.N.W. steering W

Tuesday Dec 10th Lat 4° 18' S. Lon 73° 36' E

Light winds and pleasant weather steering N.W.

In the afternoon the breeze freshened and in the evening
the weather came on squally

1830 Ship St Peter Wednesday Dec 11th Lon 73° 20' E
Variable and unsteady winds steering Southward till noon
then tacked and stood Northward and westward Double reefed
at 1 P.M. and at 6 took in all but double reefed main topsail
and foresail the weather wet and squally

Thursday Dec 12th Lat 43° 31' S 73° 10' E
Pleasant weather and fresh winds steering S by E close hauled
Friday Dec 13 Lon 72° 44' E

Moderate winds and cloudy weather steering Southward
till noon then tacked and stood Northward and Westward
In the afternoon made 1 bark and lowered Larboard boat
for fishing Saw a sail towards night standing towards us
Took in all but double reefed topsails at 6 and hove to

Saturday Dec 14th Lat 50° 15' S
Light and variable winds steering Southward sighted land
at daybreak a reef of 10 miles in length lays to weather bearing
S W At 5 P.M. gammed with the Barque Meriah of
New Bedford Cap'n Moore 13 boxes out 65 bls sperm

Sunday Dec 15th off Salomon Is
Rainy weather with light & variable winds

Monday Dec 16th Lat 5° 47' S
Moderate breeze from WSW steering close hauled S weather
cloudy

1850 Ship St Peter Tuesday Dec 17th off Galomans Is Lat 6°13'S
Squally with unsteady winds from WSW steering S by W

Wednesday Dec 18th Lat 7°14'S
Moderate winds and pleasant weather steering S by W
Sighted land at daylight Galomans Is

Thursday Dec 19th 7°34'S
Squally with unsteady winds Raised whales at ~~10~~ 11¹/₄ before sun
Lowered at 1¹/₂ past 12 and chased till sunset without success

Friday Dec 20th Lat 7°31'S
Squally with unsteady winds steering Northward
Saturday Dec 21st Lat 7°9'S
Light winds and pleasant weather steering NNE close hauled

Sunday Dec 22nd Lat 7°39'S
Fresh winds and thick weather steering Still noon then tacked
and stood NE A small water spout passed in the morning to West

Monday Dec 23rd Lat 7°67'S
The weather continued wet and squally during the day the
wind blowing fresh from ESE steering NE under double reef

Tuesday Dec 24th Lat 7°2'S
Wet and squally with strong and variable winds steering Northward
and Eastward under double reefed topsails fore and jib

Wednesday Dec 25th
Blowing a half gale from the Northward steering East
The weather cloudy with frequent and heavy squalls

1836 Ship St Peter Thursday Dec 26 Lat 4°40'S

Moderate winds and cloudy weather with some rain
Steered & close hauled on the larboard tack

Friday Dec 27th Lat 7°W'S

Fresh winds and pleasant weather steering NNE. Saw a
large number of finbacks

Saturday Dec 28th

Moderate breezes and pleasant weather steering Northward
Stowed down 33 bbls of oil in the fore hold

Sunday Dec 29th Lat 5°54'S

Light and variable winds steering Nard & Estd all sail set

Monday Dec 30th

Fine weather and moderate breezes steering Eastward

Tuesday Dec 31st

Light and variable winds steering a No Easterly course

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Wednesday Jan 1st Lat 5° 38' S

Is a dead calm, not a wave is on the Ocean's bosom. The calm continued all day. The topsails lowered by the cap

Thursday Jan 2nd

Variable winds and rainy weather steering N^o Easterly course

Friday Jan 3rd Lat 7° 6' S sighted Eagle & other Is.

Showery with fresh winds from N^W steering S Towards night the weather became pleasant. Double reefed as usual.

Saturday Jan 4th Lat 6° 39' S

saw land

Fine weather and pleasant breezes steering N by E. Saw the Barque Mariah off the weather beam. Raised a whale at 6 1/2 A.M. Lowered the boats and about 1/2 past ^{Laborer's Boat} fastened. The other boats fastened soon after and he was turned up in no time. The Mariah's boats were down but did not take anything. Cut him in and began boiling at 8 in the evening.

Sunday Jan 5th

Light winds and pleasant weather continued boiling

Monday Jan 6th

Fresh winds with a few light showers. Finished boiling at 8 A.M. and made sail on her. Saw breaches in the morning.

Tuesday Jan 7th

Rainy with variable and unsteady winds steering N^o easterly. At 4 P.M. saw a sail off the weather beam.

Ship St Peter Wednesday Jan 8th 1851 Lat 6, 45 S
Fresh winds and cloudy weather steering N E Lammed with
the Barque Mariah nearly all day

Thursday Jan 9 Lat 6, 21 S
Squally weather steering East sighted Sanger & Eagle Is
at 7 A.M bearing East At 1/2 past 10 made the land and come
to the wind on the starboard tack steering West.

Friday Jan 10th
Light winds and wet weather Sanger and Eagle Is are
about 12 miles leeward bearing E. S. E. The current is very
strong and the wind light so we are drifting fast to land
Tacked ship several times during the day to keep off shore

Saturday Jan 11th
Raining weather with unsteady winds from N by S steering
S by W Run off free from 8 till 10 in the forenoon

Sunday Jan 12th
Strong winds from the west steering S S W The weather
was squally and uncomfortable most of the day

Monday Jan 13th
Squally weather with variable and unsteady winds. Raised
a lone whale at 1/2 past 8 A.M. Lowered at 1/2 past 9 but
a heavy squall come on and we saw no more of him
Returned aboard at 2 P.M. Doubtless rested at night as usual

Ship St Peter Tuesday Jan. 14th 1854 Lat 8.06 S
Forenoon squally with fresh winds from NW by W steering
N by E. Afternoon pleasant. Tied the whale lines &c

Wednesday Jan 15th Lat 8.07 S
Squally with variable and unsteady winds Stowed down
60 bbls of Oil in the fore hold

Thursday Jan 16th
Rained powerfully nearly all day the wind very variable
At 2 P.M. took in all but double reefed main topsail

Friday Jan 17th
Moderate winds from W by W steering N till noon then wore
ship and stood S. Forenoon pleasant Afternoon very rainy

Saturday 18th
Rained nearly all day with strong breezes from W by S
steering S by W. Took in all but double reefed main topsail at 6^{PM}

Sunday Jan 19th
Moderate winds and pleasant weather steering N E

Monday, Jan 20th Lat 7.48 S
Light wind from S steering N E Weather pleasant

Tuesday Jan 21st Lat 7.40 S Lon 89 24 E
Pleasant weather light winds steering N E

Wednesday Jan 22nd Lat 7.20 S
The wind continues light with pleasant weather
steering N E

Ship St Peter Jan 23rd 1851 Lat 7.11 S
Light winds and showers Landed with the Barque
Maria At 6 P.M. it came on a dead calm

Friday Jan 24th Lat 7.23 S
Calm with pleasant and very hot weather

Saturday Jan 25th Lat 7.20 S
At 9 A.M. a light breeze sprang up from N.E. but soon
died away to a dead calm and continued so throughout
the day The weather is exceedingly hot and sultry

Sunday Jan 26th Lat 7.07 S
The weather continues calm and sultry.

Monday Jan 27th Lat 7.37 S
Light variable and unsteady winds and cloudy weather
accompanied with a few showers Passed across the cor-
ner of Ganges bank this morning

Tuesday Jan 28th Lat 7.25 S
Strong winds from E. S.E. steering N.E. forenoon pleasant
afternoon cloudy Crossed Ganges bank again at 6 in the eve.

Wednesday Jan 29th Lat 8.39 S
Pleasant weather and fresh winds steering Eastward
At 2 P.M. the Barque Maria run down and we gaimed
with her till 10 in the evening She has taken nothing
since we saw her last Took fellows 16 mos out with
about 50 bbls sperm I pity them dont you

Ship St Peter Thursday Jan 30th 1854 Lat 7.39 S
Moderate breeze and pleasant weather steering N E
At 9 A M lowered the boats for Blackfish and succeeded
in taking 2 small ones 1 Boat 1 W Boat 1 after a long pull
and a 6 fathom cast

Friday Jan 31st

Light winds and pleasant weather steering Easterly
Saturday Feb 1st off Chagos Archipelago in Lat 7.21
Got all sail at sunrise steering S. P. E. with a moderate
breeze from S W and pleasant weather

Sunday Feb 2nd Lat 7.35

Fresh and variable winds steering a N. E. Easterly course

Monday Feb 3^d Lat 7.00

The wind continued fresh and variable steering N. E. by

Tuesday Feb 4th Lat 5.58 S

Pleasant weather with light and variable winds steering N. E.

Wednesday Feb 5th

In the morning the wind was strong and variable but
towards noon it fell to a light breeze from E steering N. E. by
lighted several islands in Chagos Archipelago at sunrise
and at noon was off Eagle Is. sent the larboard and waist
boats off shore to fish. The boats returned at 6 with a small
quantity of fish but could not land on account of a heavy
surf put off at 6 steering N. by W the wind light from S

Ship St Peter Thursday Feb 6th Chagos Archipelago
Squally with variable and unstead winds till 4 P.M.
when the weather come on pleasant & wind steady steering NE

Friday Feb 7th Lat 5.13 S

Light winds from SE steering NE by N till 11 A.M. when
the wind became variable. Afternoon it come on a dead calm

Saturday Feb 8th Lat 5.08

A dead calm continued most of the day course E when there was

~~(Saturday Feb 8th Lat 5.13 S)~~

~~Light winds from N.N.W. steering E.S.E. pleasant weather~~

Sunday Feb 9th Lat 5.13 S

Light winds from N.N.W. steering E.S.E. weather pleasant
At 6 P.M. sighted Peros Bahnos islands

Monday Feb 10th

At daylight was off the islands called the three
Brothers. Lowered the Starboard boat at 7 to go
ashore and trade. The boat returned at 5 P.M. with
Shoes a few cocoa nuts & some fowls. Trade was dull
The weather was squally with variable winds

Tuesday Feb 11th

Variable and unsteady winds with squalls steering NE

Wednesday 12th

A dead calm all hands engaged in mending the foresail

Ship St Peter Thursday Feb 13th from Three Brothers to Little Bay
Equally with variable and unsteady winds steering Easterly

Friday Feb 14th

Strong breezes from NW steering NE The weather was dirty and
squally during the day. Stood under short sail

Saturday Feb. 15th

Weather cloudy with frequent squalls and variable winds steering
Eastward Continued under short sail

Sunday Feb 16 Lat 33° 51'

Pleasant weather and light winds from W steering NE
Towards night heavy showers gathered around accompanied
with thunder and lightning Double reefed expecting hard squalls
but in the evening the clouds broke away and we had but
little rain The wind continued light

Monday Feb 17th Lat 36° 18'

Moderate breezes from NW by N steering NE by N Bent a
new main top gallant sail

Tuesday Feb 18th Lat 41° 51'

Fresh winds from NNW steering NE. An English Brig
passed us at 6 AM steering Eastward. Tacked at noon & stood W.

Wednesday Feb 19

Hard squalls with very variable winds Mended main topsail
Bent it at noon and sent in the jib

Ship St Peter Thursday Feb 12th bound to Playa de Malhe
Strong winds and hard squalls steering Westedly. A small
Barque passed us at 7 A.M. steering E set no colors
Friday Feb 14th

The wind was strong from N.N.W steering W
Saturday Feb 13th Lat 2.23 S

The wind continued strong from N.N.W steering W
Sunday Feb 13^d Lat 3.14 S

Strong winds from N.W by W steering S.W by W
Monday 24th Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th

Have been pleasant with fresh winds from N.W
steering W.S.W under a press of sail

Thursday Feb 27th Lat 7.24 S

Fresh winds steering S. sighted Diego Garcia at 8 A.M.
bearing S by W passed it at 1/2 past 11 and come to
the wind steering W by N

Friday Feb 28th

Fresh winds from N.N.W steering W by S In the afternoon
it came on cloudy with very heavy squalls

Saturday Mch 1st Lat 4.22 S

Cloudy weather and unsteady winds steering N by W
Sunday Mch 2nd

Light winds and pleasant weather steering N.N.W

Ship St Peter Monday March 3^d 1851
The winds continue light and weather pleasant steering
N.W. Set up the larboard main rigging

Tuesday Mch 4th

Rainy with variable and unsteady winds steering Westward

Wednesday Mch 5th Lat 6, 33 S

The weather continues squally and the wind variable
steering westward Towards night it became steady & strong

Thursday Mch 6th

It blew a half a gale. At daylight, double reefed fore
and aft. The jib blew all to pieces a little before

Friday Mch 7th Lat 8, 13 S Lon 68, 38 E

Fresh winds from ^{N.W.} steering W.S.W. The weather is
cloudy with a few squalls

Saturday Mch 8th

Fresh winds and squalls. At noon it came on to blow hard
and was obliged to double reef topsails

Sunday Mch 9th Lat 2, 29 S

Is quite pleasant with a strong breeze from N.W. steering
W.S.W. Took several hard squalls a little before noon
and was obliged to double reef but in the afternoon
the weather come on pleasant and all sail was set again
but mainsail which was loosed to dry being torn badly
in yesterdays squalls

Ship St Peter Monday March 10th 1851.

The wind was light from WNW till 9 A.M. when it
hauled to SW steering WNW. All hands are turned
up to mend the old mainsail. Bent a new spanker
in the morning and the mainsail at sunset

Tuesday Mch 11th

Light winds from the southward steering Westward
At daylight sent down the fore topsail. Mended it
and bent it again at 3 P.M. Sent down the mizen top
gallantsail repaired and bent it at sunset

Wednesday Mch 12

Moderate winds from WSW steering NW. Set up
the larboard main and main topmast shrouds
In the afternoon the wind blew fresh with squalls

Thursday Mch 13th

Pleasant weather and moderate breezes from WSW
steering NW for Paja de Mahla banks

Friday Mch 14th

Fresh and variable winds steering Westward Finished
setting up main rigging

Saturday Mch 15th

Squally with variable and unsteady winds steering
Westward The middle of the day was pleasant but in
the evening it came on squally again. took in light sails

Ship St Peter Sunday March 16th 1854 Bay de Mahla
Early in the morning it began to blow hard Grey fell
from the ^{main} top gallant yard when furling the sail but
caught in the top sail brace and brought up in the mizen
top without injury. Blewed up and furlad all but
double reefed main top sail and foresail but the wind
lulled during the forenoon and we set single reefed fore
top sail whole main do. and double reefed mizen top sail
In the afternoon the wind fell and more sail was made

Monday Mch 17th Lat 9.24 S

Light winds and pleasant weather. Spliced the Larboard
fore top mast back stay and fixed parcel lashing to
main top sail yard Passed over a part of Bay de Mahla
banks, steered S W under all sail

Tuesday Mch 18th

Thowerg with unsteady winds. Was on the banks at
sunrise. Lowered the Larboard & waist boats and caught
a considerable quantity of fish

Wednesday Mch 19th

Fresh winds from the westward steered W N W till
noon then tackcd and stood P W Saw a vessel off
the lee quarter at 10 A.M. standing N E,
In the evening the weather came on squally

Ship St Peter Thursday March 20th

Morning squally with strong breezes from W. N. W. steering
I W Double reefed topsails at 7 A. M. but the wind
lulled and they was turned out of fore and main top
sails again. The weather continued pleasant till 5
P. M. when it came on squally. Took in all but mizen
topsail and foresail

Friday Mch 21st

Rained powerfully most of the forenoon. In the
morning the wind was light from E but gradually
freshening and hauling N & W. At 2 in the afternoon
it hauled to W. N. W. and blew fresh steering I W.

Saturday Mch 22

Pleasant weather and fresh winds steering close.
hauled I W under courses topsails jib & spanker
Tacked at noon and stood N. W. the wind hauling ^{W. S. W.}

Sunday Mch 23^d

Strong winds from W. N. W. steering I W set fore and
main top gallant sails at 8 A. M. but took in the fore
at 11

Monday Mch 24th

Fresh winds and fine weather steering N under all
sail Made and put on a coat to the foremast

Ship. St Peter Mch 25th 1851 Laga. de. Mahla
Moderate breezes from W steering N. Heavy tide rips
setting westerly have attended us for several days
Wednesday ~~Thursday~~ Mch 26th

Light winds and pleasant weather steering Northerly
Raised a sail off the weather bow. On her running off we
were a little surprised at seeing the h^m Lee, however
we were glad to see them and a gam was very acceptable

Thursday Mch 27th

Set all sail at sunrise steering P W under a moderate
breeze. The W^m Lee is in sight off the lee quarter

Friday Mch 28th

Fine weather and light wind steering on the wind P W
At 6 AM raised a school of whales about a mile off on
our lee bow. Lowered a little after 7 and the 3rd mate
fastened to a small bull. The whales were galleyed and
the other boats did not fasten although they chased some
time. but in the afternoon but did not commence boiling
The W^m Lee was in sight nearly all day

Saturday Mch 29th

Light winds and pleasant weather. Commenced
boiling at 3 in the morning and finished at 8 in the evening
Saw the Lee again to day

Ship St Peter Sunday March 30th 1851

In the morning the wind was very light and gradually fell to a calm but after noon a light breeze sprang up and the W^m Lee being a little on the lee bow went gamming

Monday Mch 31st

Light winds from S steering W. N. W. Took in the flying jib mend and bent it at 8 A.M. Caught a very large dolphin during the forenoon. At noon Copin Lee came aboard and stayed a few moments. Then returned aboard his own ship and tacked standing in to the Eastward for the banks.

Tuesday April 1st 1851 Lat 8.25 S Lon 56.16 W

Moderate winds from S steering N by W. At noon altered the course to N by E and at 4 to N by W

Wednesday Apl 2nd

The wind continues light and weather pleasant steering N. N. W. Till 4 P.M. then altered the course to north. Rove new reef tackles to the main Top sail

Thursday Apl 3rd

At 7 in the morning passed over the E. cast part of Moche bank. At 4 P.M. soundedit 300 fathoms of line and found no bottom. continued our course. N with light winds from east

Ship St Peter Friday April 4th Poychelbs
The wind continues very light hauling northerly
tacked a little before daylight and stood N.E. by E.
Lighted Make at sunrise bearing about N.N.W. distant
20 leagues. In the afternoon the wind hauled steered N.N.E.

Saturday Apl 5th

The wind continues light steering N.N.E. weather hot
and sultry We was on the banks nearly all day. In the
afternoon lowered the larboard boat and caught some fish

Sunday Apl 6th

At 1 in the morning we was on the banks again and
it being a perfect calm began to fish. Fished till
7 when we drifted into deep water again. In the afternoon
there was a light breeze sprang up from the westward

Monday Apl 7th

Light winds steering W. Saw Baslin on the weather
bow at 7 A.M. Lowered for blackfish at 11 and chased
2 hours without success Raised sperm whales just as
the sun was setting did not lower

Tuesday Apl 8th

Almost a calm At 8 A.M. the captain went down
with me for blackfish. We had been down about 1/2
an hour when we saw the ships colors set which
we knew was a signal for whales Returned to the

Ship St Peter Tuesday April 8th Continued
ship as quick as possible and found they were up about
5 miles off on the weather bow. Lowered away about 12 past
9 AM and pulled hard and steady till about noon the
sun pouring down its rays with ~~with~~ an intensity that
beggars description but the men pulled without intermission
and apparently fresh although they drank pretty freely of
water. A little after noon the larboard boat fastened to
a large bull but he sounded heavy and took out all
their line. Our men now pulled like tigers to get fast,
as soon she should break water again. The starboard
boat was about a ships length ahead. In a few moments
he came up a little ahead of the starboard boat. They
pulled on but Wood missed him. We then pulled around
for nearly 3 hours but without any success. About this
time our midship oarsman gave out the effects of drinking
too much water. The mate then made signs to the
starboard boat to run down to him which it did.
A part of his crew which were fresh changed boats and
taking the 3^d mate in the head of the ^{starboard} boat he pulled
on and in another hour fastened to another large
bull. I fastened shortly after and we turned him up
in a few minutes. We then started for the ship which was
10 miles and reached it just before sunset. A boat was sent
with water & to the one alongside the whale which we took

Ship St Peter Tuesday April 8th Continued
along side at 10 in the evening Thus ends the hardest
days work that I ever have done. The men and officers
were nearly exhausted by hard pulling and the
powerful heat of the sun All hands were sent below at 11

Wednesday. Apr 9th

Began cutting at day light and finished at noon
Mr Lee's eyes are so sore to day that he cannot see at all
Mr Jose was obliged to take his place on the stages
Saw whales again at 3 P.M. Lowered the boats the Cap'n
going with me. I darted at a large bull but it was
a bad chance and I missed him. Got aboard at 8 in eve

Thursday Apr 10

Continued boiling Raised whales again at 9 A.M.
Went down and chased till 3 P.M. and finding as
we judged that we were 10 miles from the ship about ship
and went aboard. The Cap'n was with me again to day
went on to a whale head and head and I darted to quick
head from ^{struck him in the} ~~drawed~~
and missed him. The weather very calm and hot

Friday Apr 11th

Calm most of the day Finished boiling at 1 P.M.
All hands are glad to get through for pulling ^{night}
nearly all day for nearly 4 days and boiling has
almost done some of them 'Brown'

Ship St Peter Saturday April 12th 1851

Continues calm and very hot In the afternoon
had a very light breeze and stood in southward

Sunday April 13th

Light winds from westward standing southward

At 1 P.M. raised whales. Lowered and pulled till
sunset without success The larboard boat went on
and dasted but missed the whale being to far off

A Barque had been in sight to weather and in chasing
the whales went close to her On returning to the ship
the mate went aboard She proved to be the Barque
Hope of New Bedford & was out 450 sperm

Monday April 14th

The wind continues light and weather very hot At
3 P.M. the Hoopes colors were set and Capt'n Almy
lowered the starboard boat and went aboard
Coopered oil casks read for stowing

Tuesday April 15th

Light breezes from N.N.W. steering W. & W. stowed down
80 bbls oil in the fore hold Finished stowing at 4 P.M.

Wednesday April 16

In the morning the wind was moderate from N.W. course N.
cloudy weather with some rain Lighted Denny island at
6 A.M. In the evening the wind hauled, steered S.

Ship St Peter Thursday April 17th 1851
The wind holds light and variable from the southward
steered westerly At sunset we were 8 miles N of Lenny
island Lowered the larboard boat and pulled ashore
I asked permission and got liberty to go ashore Arrived at
8 evening. Hazed around till midnight when we had
a feast on boiled crabs and retired to rest under the
spreading branches of a Cocoa nut tree! (What a time)

Friday Apl 18th

Before daylight we had an old house torn down and
carried to the beach for firewood and at sunrise went
out and struck a turtle but he got away and we
went aboard at 7 with a load of wood and 2 fowls

Saturday Apl 19th

Fresh winds from NW steered N till 11 A.M when we
came to the wind steering about NW Rained nearly
all day standing under topsails Made the land
at 3 P.M. when we tacked and stood off

Sunday Apl 20th

Light showers with variable and unsteady winds
steering nearly all points of the compass About 1 P.M.
while out fishing James Garrel fell overboard and
was nearly drowned picking him up as he was going down
for the last time He was brought aboard senseless

Ship St Peter Monday Apl 21st Poychellee
Fresh winds from N N W steering S. P. E. till 9
then S E the remainder of the day The weather is
cloudy with some rain Set up all the ked rigging

Tuesday Apl 22nd

Strong and variable winds with cloudy weather
Reefed and turned out reefs 3 or 4 times during
the day. Made spungarn &c

Wednesday Apl 23rd

Moderate breezes from W N W steering close hauled
about S. W. At noon lowered the boats for a sulphur
bottom but did not succeed in getting fast. Returned
aboard at 6 o'clock

Thursday Apl 24th

Light winds from S. E. steering S. W under all sail
Towards night the wind gradually hauled to N E

Friday Apl 25th

In the morning the weather was heavy and rainy took
in light sail and double reefed topsails In the afternoon
the weather come on fine made all sail but fore and ^{topgallant} mizen

Saturday Apl 26th

Morning rainy with variable and unsteady winds Lowered
the quarter boats and went ashore on Bennys island
at 7 A.M. and stayed all day got 6 hogs a few fowls & coconuts

Ship St Peter Sunday Apr 27th 1851

Strong breezes from S.W. standing close hauled W.N.W.
A Barge has been in sight nearly all day Passed her at
5 P.M. Suppose she is the Hope Cap'n Charles Robbins

Monday Apr 28th

Pleasant weather with fine breezes from S. steering W. S. W.
Tacked at 9 A.M. steering E. S. E. In the afternoon gammed
with the Hope she has taken nothing since we saw her last

Tuesday Apr 29th

Moderate breezes from Southward steering S. by E. S. by E.
At 2 the Hope ran across our bows and sent a boat
ashore at Cow Island At 4 P.M. we lowered the Larboard
and waist boats and went ashore They got nothing but
a turtle which they bought of a pinnace which was
laying there turking. went aboard at 8 evening

Wednesday Apr 30th

Light winds and pleasant weather steered several different
courses to day to the Eastward Saw a strange sail standing
towards Cow Island. at sunset took in fore & main topgallant sails

Thursday May 1st

The weather continues pleasant with light winds. Made
a passage from Cow to Senneys island passing Senneys At
6 P.M. In the evening gammed with the Barge Clarice
Cap'n Gifford. She has taken 100 bbls since we saw her Feb 20 1850

Ship St Peter Friday May 2nd 1851 Poyshelles
Good to the southward and eastward with a light
breeze. The Barques are both in sight one on the weather
bow and the other on the weather quarter At 7 P.M. they
came together and had a gam We are now going to the
fight between the bank and African islands

Saturday May 3rd

Fine though variable winds from W to W nearly
steering southward & eastward We have lost sight of
both Barques. Took in light sail at sunset and at
10 evening Tacked ship and backed the main top sail

Sunday May 4th

In the morning the wind was moderate from S & W steering
S & E The wind freshened during the forenoon till 2 P.M.
the weather coming on cloudy At 2 took in light sails
and double reefed at 6 P.M. At 8 eve the wind fell and
weather cleared up Backed the main top sail

Monday May 5th

Light winds steering W & W till noon when we ran off
and gammed with the Barque Maria of N.B. map
Moore master She is now 18 months out with 90 bbls
spum having taken 25 bbls since we saw her off Diego
Lucia. While aboard one of her crew a Johannah man
died of a disease similar to inflammatory rheumatism

Ship St Peter Tuesday May 6th 1851 Log 1000
Light winds steering W. S. W till noon when we made
Frigate island. Tacked and stood off S. E.

Wednesday May 7th

During the forenoon it fell calm, lowered the topsails
clewed up topgallant sails and hauled up courses
down jibs &c The calm continued throughout the day

Thursday May 8th

Had a very light breeze from the Westward
Steered N. E. till 6 P. M. then wore ship and stood S
under all sail

Friday May 9th

Fine weather and light winds from N. W steering due S
till 2 P. M. then S. W. At sunset made bare W by S 60 miles off

Saturday May 10th

The wind continues light from N. W steering S. W by W
till 6 P. M. then W by S at 8 eve to W

Sunday May 11th

Light winds steering close hauled S. W. by S
Made bear. about N. W by N 50 miles off

Monday May 12th

This morning we could see Plate Island from aloft
bearing about S. E. The wind light from the West
In the afternoon hauled a course due W

Ship St Peter Tuesday May 13th Poychelles
The wind held it till 11 past 7 A.M. when it hauled
W and was light and baffling the rest of the day
The Cooper has been sick since Thursday last Today
he is worse In the afternoon he was insane

Wednesday May 14th

Lighted St Josephs. one of the Amiranats at 8 A.M. bearing
S.W. steered S.W. till 9 then N. At 3 P.M. tacked and
stood off N.E. Easterly 700 Lee was put in the rigging
and flogged for fighting The cooper is worse to day his derange-
ment increases At 5 P.M. he attempted to cut his throat but
the knife was very dull and he only made a bad flesh
wound All cutlery was immediately put out of the way
and a strict watch set over him

Thursday May 15th

Continued the course eastward with light winds
from S.W. & E.S.W. The cooper continues about the
same Lighted Poychelles at 3 P.M.

Friday May 16th

This morning the cooper was worse and his fits of
insanity increase He seized a hammer to strike
to strike the man that was watching with him but
the captain and mate went in and stilled him
A short time after he rushed at the captain but

Friday May 16th continued

he was soon stilled again and the hammer taken from him. After that he became quiet and rational. At 2 we was 15 miles from Sylwet and lowered the waist boat and the captain went ashore. At 3 the cooper was taken with spasms which lasted about an hour after that he fell asleep and slept quietly till midnight. We got ashore at 12 past 8 P.M.

Saturday May 17th

During the forenoon the weather was rainy with strong winds. Went aboard at 3 P.M. with some Orange Coes and Pigeons &c. In the afternoon the wind fell to near a calm. Stood up between Sylwet and North island.

Sunday May 18th

In the morning we were becalmed between Sylwet and North island. We drifted off till 3 P.M. when we took a light breeze from S by E steering E by N. In the evening the wind freshened and hauled S by W making a direct passage ~~from~~ for Praslin.

Monday May 19th

At 4¹/₂ past 9 dropped anchor in 10¹/₂ fathoms of water in Praslin harbor. The doctor visited us as usual. Afternoon rafted 19 casks ashore for water.

Ship St Peter Tuesday May 20th 1851

Took off water in the forenoon and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ boat loads of wood in the afternoon Took the cooper ashore at Curienp

Wednesday May 21st

Got off 3 boat loads of wood at day light At 7 the starboard watch got ready and went ashore on liberty

Thursday May 22nd

Starboard watch ashore &c

Friday May 23^d

Starboard watch ashore The captain went around the other side of the island and got 3 hogs and some fowl In the evening the evening the cook went to sleep on larboard bow and fell overboard and was drowned Every exertion was made to save him but without success

Saturday May 24th

Starboard watch ashore &c

Sunday May 25th

All hands but Capin. mate and 4 men ashore with orders to be off at sunset At sunset about $\frac{1}{2}$ came off

Monday May 26th

In the morning took aboard a raft of water After dinner the captain went ashore Hove short and got ready for sea Gray fell from the fore top sail overboard and was taken aboard but little injured At 2 the captain

Monday May 26 continued
came aboard and ordered the mate to get under way
but he refused to unless the captain would ship
more men. However after a short dispute beliers they
came up on good terms and we weighed the anchor
at 3 and put to sea with a light breeze from S.E.
After we got clear of the land hauled on the wind
standing E. N.E. Shipped Charles Lyman before
the mast. Mc Phee stands cook and Farley cooper

Tuesday May 27th

Fresh winds from S.E. making long tacks beating to
windward During the forenoon the weather came
on squally Stowed the cables

Wednesday May 28th

Wind freshened accompanied with frequent squalls
Continued beating to windward but the current is
so strong that we gain nothing At 6 P.M. double reefed

Thursday May 29th

The wind continued to freshen during the night
and in the morning it blew almost a gale Furlled
all but double reefed main topsail & foresail At
hoisted up the larboard and waist boats and tacked
ship Eastward Took several very heavy squalls
during the day

Ship St Peter Friday May 30th 1851 Poyshells
Pleasant weather and strong breezes standing So Westerly
under double reefed top sails At 2 P.M. the weather mod^{er}ate
so much that we gave her whole topsails stng P & P & E
Fighted Cow island. Mr Jose taken sick with a very
particular disease

Saturday May 31st

Strong winds from P & E steering close hauled E. N. E.
wa off Cow island at 10 A.M. Double reefed at 6^{P.M.}

Sunday June 1st 1851

Made Cow island at 10 A.M. and at 1 P.M. lowered
the quarter boats to go ashore for eggs Just as they pushed
off the man aloft raised a sail bearing down towards
us At 5 P.M. she spoke us just as the boats were
coming off The captain's boat went aboard
Found her to be the Dolphin Cup ~~Warren~~ Cutter
of Warren. N.J. 6 mos out 250 sperm.

Monday June 2nd

Strong breezes from P. E. Tacked several times during
the day standing E. N. E. & S. P. W. At 11 P.M. wore
ship and stood W till 6 P.M. when we hauled
on the wind again standing E. N. E.
Making a passage to the Amicants

Ship St Peter Tuesday June 3^d 1851
Squally with strong winds from P. E. steering close hauled
S. P. W. Broke out for bread and flour In the afternoon
steered S. & P. by E. At 12 past 5 P.M. saw a sail to leeward
Wednesday June 4th

In the morning a Barque lay about 3 miles astern
with her main yard aback evidently intending to speak
us but we wore around and stood on the other tack and
set our colors but she was cut and would not set
his out of spite Supposed to be the Bevis Capn Snell
Painted starboard boat and set up starboard fore
rigging Weather pleasant with moderate winds

Thursday June 5th Ammirants
Moderate breezes from P. P. E. steered S. W. & E. At 1
P.M. Eagle island was on our lee beam 10 miles off
Set up mizen rigging &c

Friday June 6th
Fresh winds and severe squalls from P. P. E.
steering E. & P. W. The weather come on so bad that
at 8 P.M. double reefed fore and aft

Saturday June 7th

The weather continues rugged and squally standing
under double reefs Broke out for Molasses & Sugar
In the afternoon the weather moderated a little

Whips Pt Peter Sunday June 8th Ammirant
Moderate winds from S.E. steering E. N.E. & P.W.
Roches Island in sight off deck on the weather beam
at 1 P.M. Beating to windward is in fashion

Monday June 9th Lat 8.58. S
Strong breezes from S.E. At 10 A.M. the wind
fell to a light breeze At 2 P.M. Made Roches
from the N.E. The captain and 2nd mate went ashore
in the starboard boat to shoot fowl. The boat
returned at 4 in the evening with 1 crane 1 hen
and one Egg O! what luck

Tuesday June 10th Lat 10.10 S
Light and variable winds steering southerly
In the afternoon the weather came on rainy double
reefed topsails fore & mizen

Wednesday June 11th
Gent in the jib and sheathed it over with blue cloth
The starboard watch were turned up because they
turned to and caught a porpoise A little piece of
tyranny on the part of the mate because the old man
was aloft Wind moderate S.E. steering S.W. At 4
P.M. the weather came on squally 2 reefs in fore & mizen ^{topsails}

Ship St Peter Thursday June 12th Alphonso Is.
Squally with a strong and variable wind Steered E N by E
till 9 A.M. when we made Alphonso island and passed
around its northern end At 12 past 11 A.M. double
reefed topsails and come to the wind on the starboard
tack At 3 P.M. lowered the larboard and waist boats
and went ashore on a small sandy island for eggs
but finding none went aboard at 5 P.M.

Friday June 13th

Unsteady winds with hard squalls steering S. westerly
under double reefs and courses Broke out beef and pork
killed the large hog &c Took in mainsail & spanker at 2 P.M.

Saturday June 14th

Rugged and squally standing along S. westerly under
double reefs and courses In the evening it puffed so hard
hard that we took in spanker and jib

Sunday June 15th

The weather moderated a little Turned 1 reef out of
the main topsail and set jib and spanker
The wind continued to blow strong from S.E.
during the day but the weather was pleasant

Ship St Peter Monday June 16th To Johanna
Pleasant gales and fine weather steering close
hauled S P W under single reefed main and double
reefed fore and mizen topsails courses, spanker & jib
Tacked and stood E at sunset Tacked ^{standing S P W} again at 16 eve

Tuesday June 17th

The wind fell during the night to a moderate
breeze At 6 A.M. turned reefs out of fore and main
topsails and set main top gallantail and fly jib
steering S P W At 2 P.M. the wind fell to almost a
calm Tacked and stood E. S. E. At sunset it rose
again to a stiff breeze

Wednesday June 18th

At 9 in the morning Tacked and stood S P W
with as much wind as we could stagger under
with whole topsails. At 6 A.M. single reefed fore
and main topsails During the afternoon ~~the~~
it fell calm Clewed down everything at sunset
but set the jib and spanker to steady her as she
was pitching heavy in a nasty sea

Thursday June 19th

Light and variable winds steering So easterly
Pent down and mended the mizen topsail
In the evening had hard squalls Took in light sail

Ship St Peter Friday June 20th Lat 11.26.9
Light and variable winds with fine weather Steered
westerly till noon when we tacked ship and stood
so easterly under all sail

Saturday June 21st
Moderate and variable winds from the southward
and eastward Steered so westerly Weather cloudy
but no rain

Sunday 22nd
Sighted Joanna at daybreak a point and yr
on the lee bow Kept off and lay a course W by S
with a moderate breeze from S At 11 AM when
about 15 miles off shore took several hard squalls
and was obliged to double reef top sails but after
we passed the point the wind became light and
variable and all sail was set again When almost
to our anchoring ground some arab pilots came aboard
and jabbered till they nearly run us on a reef and we
was obliged to lower the boats and tow her to her
anchorage At 6 came to ~~an~~ anchor in 24 fathoms of
water and payed out 60 fathoms of cable Found
tho' Ship Wm Lee here and the Barques Nasella
Love, and Globe. Lee and Dove bound home

Ship St Peter Monday June 23^d
Starboard watch ashore At 4 A.M. the Wm Lee
and Dove got under way bound home

Tuesday June 24th

Starboard watch ashore At 2 P.M. the Globe got
under way bound on a cruise Got off a raft of
water some Tara &c

Wednesday June 25th

Starboard watch ashore The King came aboard to
day to beg harbor duties which the Capt paid

Thursday June 26th

Took off a few barrels of Tara some cocoa nuts &c
At 2 P.M. the Marcella got under way bound on
a cruise

Friday June 27th

In the morning took aboard a few Toros potatoes
&c and hove short but had no wind to sail
till 1 P.M. when we took a light land breeze and
got under way After we got ~~under~~ clear of the
land steered E. Saw a sail. supposed to be the
Wm Lee. Took in light sail at sunset

Saturday 28th

Stood E with a moderate and variable wind
In the afternoon stood N.E. close hauled

Ship St Peter Sunday June 29th 1851
Light and variable winds from the Southward
steering easterly Weather pleasant but hazy

Monday June 30th

Strong and variable winds steering close hauled
N^W with starboard tacks aboard Spoke the Barge
Maria at 9 A.M. Cap'n Moore came aboard and
stayed till 7 eve She has now 200 bbls of m

Tuesday July 1st 1851

Strong winds from S.E. steering close hauled E.N.E.
Set up larboard fore rigging and sent in fly jib
and sent out another one Lighted Aldabra ~~at~~
at 3 P.M. 3 points on the lee bow Tacked at
sunset steering S.P.W. Law a sail on the lee beam

Wednesday July 2nd

Pleasant weather and strong breezes steering close
E.N.E. Lighted at 11 A.M. bearing E.N.E.
At 1 it came on to blow hard. double reefed topsails
At 5 P.M. made the land and ^{scot} the larboard boat
ashore turtleing

Thursday July 3rd

In the morning stood up to the island and took
off the boat which had captured 5 large green turtles
Strong winds steering E.N.E. under double reefs

Ship St Peter Friday July 4th 1851
Blowing almost a gale from S.E. steering E N E
under double reefed fore and main topsail foresail
and jib O! what a glorious 4th, turtle soup 3 times
to day and liberty to hold your hair on to keep it
from blowing away

Saturday July 5th
Unsteady winds with squalls till 10 A.M. when the
wind became steady and strong from S.E. by S steering
S W by S Loosed jib and spanker at 7 and at 8
turned reefs out of fore and main and set mixed
topsail but coming on to blow double reefed again
at 11 past 11 Tacked at 6 P.M. and stood Eastward

Sunday July 6th
The wind very fresh from S S E At 6 the Captain
came on deck and finding the old craft pitching
into a head sea so nice he put her off before the
wind bound for the coast of Africa or Zanzibar
ground steering N W under double reef and foresail

Monday July 7th
Moderate winds from S steering N W by W till
3 P.M. when a school of sperm whales was raised
after which several different courses to the N E & N W
came to the wind on the starboard tack steering S S E
did not lower the bows

Ship St Peter Tuesday July 8th 1851

Strong breezes from P E Steered W N W most of the day Saw spouts and breaches but they were nothing but Finbacks The Cap'n kicked up a fuss with Robinson to day about a knife that Robinson said he lost overboard but Lynceburg bought one in Joanna which the Cap'n says is the same one Robinson took the knife from the cabin The Cap'n struck him several times.

Wednesday July 9th

Strong winds from P steering W N W Sent down fore topsail and mended it At 3 P.M. come to the wind on the larboard tack steering E. S. E.

Bunt the topsail at 5 and furled it also double fore and mizen topsails Bound to the coast

Thursday July 10th

Pleasant weather and strong breezes from steering N W under double reefs The Cap'n hauled up Robinson again to day and seized him up to the stern of the boat on the house and made him confess some of his deviltry that he done while steward Sent him forward at sunset, Come to the wind on the starboard tack,

Ship St Peter Friday July 11th

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Sent down the main sail and mended it Robinson was hauled up again to day and confessed his deeds in writing which he was obliged to read before all hands. It consisted in stealing clothes, shoes, hat, money, sail needles, Liquors, wasting provisions, cabin furniture, &c, &c, for which he was seized up and got 27 lashes besides orders to come aft every watch below and read the Bible. Steered close h. by E. S. E. stby on the starboard tack with a strong but variable wind

- Saturday - July 12th (Zanzibar ground)

Pleasant weather and strong winds steering S. W. by E. until 10 A M then W. till 1 P. M. when W. Lee rose a school of sperm whales close to the ship. Lowered and got 3 small ones and took them alongside at 5 P. M. - Took in all sail but double reefed main top sail.

- Sunday - July 13th

Commenced cutting in at daylight, and rather a slow job we have had of it too, for there is only a light breeze and a heavy swell, and the old craft tumbles about like a plaything, and the whales surging and snapping at their chains so that we can hardly hook on to them. however we finished at 11 A M and stowed the cutting fall

Ship St Peter - Sunday July 13th (continued)
In the afternoon bailed the cases and cut up the blubber
Lighted the fires at 5 P.M. but at 7 it came on squally
so we did not start the works before 8 when the weather
cleared up and was fine

Monday - July 14th

Light winds and clear weather - Finished boiling
at 7 P.M.

Tuesday - July 15th

Cleaned out the Pots &c. At 8 A.M. it came on squally
at 9 in a heavy squall parted the spanker gaff amidship
sent it down and made a new one from an old stump
topgallant mast

Wednesday July 16th

Squally lying too under double reefed main topsail
& Foresail

Thursday July 17th (Lat 8° 40' S)

Moderate and rather variable winds from the S. and
steering South Westerly - At 6 A.M. set whole Fore & Main
Topsails double reefed mizen do and jib at 10 set
flying jib & main topgallant sail - sent up the spanker
gaff and painted it - Double reefed and tacked
ship at sunset

Ship St Peter - Friday July 18th (Lat 8° 19' S)
Steered close hauled W.S.W with a moderate breeze
from the South - Bent the spanker and set it at 7 A.M.
and set all sail but fore and Mizzen topgallant sails
Sighted Zanzibar at 3 P.M. and stood in till
6 miles of shore when we tacked ship and stood
E by S at ½ past 5 P.M.

Saturday July 19th (Lat 5° 30' S)
Pleasant weather and light winds standing close hauled
E.S.E. - Although we have headed a Southerly course
the current is so strong that we have drifted 49 miles
to the Northward during the past 24 hours

Sunday July 20th (Lat 5° 08' S)
Fresh winds from S.S.E. Tacked and stood to the S.W.
under all sail but Fore and Mizzen Topgallant sail
Took in main topgallant sail at 6 P.M. the wind freshening
standing W.S.W. -

Monday July 21st (Lat 5° 22' S)
Strong wind - Tacked ship this morning. While
boarding the Fore tack the Foresail split from
Heade to Foot down the middle - Furlled it and the
Mainsail, and a short time after double reefed the
Fore topsail and furlled the spanker, at 6 A.M.
sent down the Foresail and put some new cloths in

Ship St Peter Monday July 21st (continued)
in the middle and patched it - The wind lulled
during the forenoon set the main top gallant sail
and Flying jib - Saw a sail to windward Lat 5° 22'
and Long about 40° 35' E. going S W At 1/2 past 4
Mr Lee raised a school of sperm whales. At 5 lowered
down and in a short time I got fast. Mr Ryder got
fast and his whale getting foul of our line and coming
afoul of his boat he cut our line. Our whale was
spouting thick blood at the time After that his
whale sounded heavy and he was obliged to bend
on the starboard boats line. The whale run and
sounded for an hour and a half when Mr Ryder
lost a man overboard and gave his line up to the
starboard boat. The whale then sounded heavy
and Mr Jose cut line the whale taking 3/4 of Mr
Ryders line They came aboard at 1/2 past 9 Eve
We went aboard at 7 Mr Ryder picked up his man

Tuesday July 22nd

Fresh breezes going close hauled about S W
with main top gallant sail out About 3 P. M. Mr
Ryder raised a school of whales Lowered down
and we all got fast about 1/2 past 4 but in a
short time our line parted and Mr Jose's irons

drawed. The whales got foul of each other being close together. We then chased the school for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour when we went on and I darted but he was just going down and I only pricked him. Just at this time Mr Gore saw some whales coming down from the windward and laid around and struck a large bull head. When he broke water again I fastened with both irons and we had him spouting blood before they had got their line hauled in. Mr Gore came up and lanced him a few times and his irons drawed and before he could get fast again the whale sounded very heavy taking out all of our line and bending on his took I nearly all of that, and by the time he had got the line in again it was pitch dark. After this he kept sounding and running for an hour. During this time we hardly knew whether to cut line or not. A word from either Mr Lee or Gore would have been as good as a knife. After a while however he got still and we succeeded with great exertion in turning him up about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10. We worked loose whale from the time he took the line till he was fir out. Took the whale alongside at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 11. Mr Rogers took his whale alongside about 7.

Ship St Peter Wednesday July 23^d Coast 1857
Pleasant weather and light winds, Commenced
cutting at daylight and finished the large whale
at sunset in a heavy shower of rain. A Barque
has been in sight all day.

Thursday July 24th
It blew a half gale of wind and rained hard
most of the day. Cut in the small whale, and
began boiling, at 6 P.M. Stood off to the eastward
to keep clear of land which is close under our lee
and a current setting us in shore at the rate of 6
miles in 24 hours.

Friday July 25th
Squally with strong winds. Continued boiling.

Saturday July 26th
Continues squally. Finished boiling at 8 P.M.
and cleared up decks. Stood Easterly.

Sunday July 27th Lat 1.02.0
Pleasant weather and fresh winds standing ESE
Boiled fat lean, Cleared pots &c. &c.

Monday July 28th
Morning pleasant with moderate breezes but in the
afternoon it came on squally with fresh winds from
S. I. W. standing close hauled S. E.

Ship St Peter Tuesday July 29th Coast 18th
Equally with strong winds from N. E. Lacked
at 6 A M and stood S W Shifted several casks
of oil to trim ship Afternoon light winds and pleasant
weather, I ground some irons & coiled my line to dry

Wednesday July 30th

This morning they were going to stow down the oil
but coming on squally it was put off The weather
however cleared up at 8 o'clock and was pleasant
the rest of the day Got a new paddle made and stru-
itened the lances and coiled the line in the tub

Thursday July 31st

Stowed down 80 bbls of oil in the fore hold on
the larboard side. The weather pleasant with a
moderate breeze steering S westerly

Friday August 1st

Stowed down 80 bbls of oil in the fore hold on
the starboard side filling the ground tier and a
few riders. Finished at 4 P.M and cleaned the decks
Steered S westerly with moderate winds

Saturday Aug 2nd

Fresh winds steering S W with main top gallant
sail out till 11 A.M. when it came on squally
and was obliged to double reef topsails

Sunday August 3^d Coast of Africa 1851
Steered S W by W with a strong breeze from
S by E Had main to gallant sail and fly jib set till
5 P.M. when it came on squally and were obliged
to take them in and to double reef topsails Tacked
at 6 P.M. and stood E. S. E.

Monday Aug 4th Lat 5, 05.
Fine weather with strong winds steering close
hauled S W by W Tired the combings around the
main mast and put on a new coat Tacked
at sunset and stood Eastward under Topsails

Tuesday Aug 5th Lat 5, 05.
It blew hard all day standing S. westerly under
double reefs Wore at 6 P.M. and stood Easterly
To day I got a lance from Mr. Jose and got another
one spliced They seem to be rather stingy of their
craft so I have to beg and get along as I best can

Wednesday Aug 6th Lat 5, 04 9
Stood S. westerly with a good breeze with main
to gallant sail and fly jib set At night double reefed
topsails as usual As we stand in towards the
coast the current becomes stronger & stronger,
Now we can hardly stem it with a strong wind
and as much sail as we can carry.

Ship Pt. Water Thursday August 7th 1861

In the morning the wind was moderate and weather pleasant till noon when it came on to blow fresh and at sunset we had as much as we could wag under with main topgalant sail out. Made land at 6 P.M. Tacked ship and took in light sail-stowed.

Friday Aug 8th

Fresh winds and pleasant weather steering close hauled P.P.W. under the same sail as yesterday. At 11 A.M. raised a sail on the weather bow coming towards us. When she came on our beam we tacked and stood with to the eastward. At 1/2 past 8 P.M. we both tacked and stood W. P. W. She is probably a merchantman beating down the coast.

Saturday Aug 9th Lat 4.23 S

Stood in to westerly till noon when we was about 18 miles off the "Coast of Africa" Tacked and stood E. C. with moderate winds. Weather ^{cloudy} fine.

Sunday Aug 10th Lat 4.00 S

Strong winds steering E. P. E. Turned the reef out of the fore topsail and set main topgalant sail at 6 A.M. saw whales at 6 A.M. At 1/2 past 9 ran over and galleyed them with the ship. Lowered the boats and pulled 12 miles to windward without success.

Coast of Africa
Ship St Peter Monday August 11th 1891
Moderate breezes steering close hauled W P W till
9 A.M. then Tacked and stood E. S. E. Weather fine
The current here is stronger than any we have
yet encountered and we drift to the northward
at a rate varying from $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to a mile a hour
with a strong breeze carrying all the sail we can
Tuesday Aug 12th

Fresh winds and cloudy weather steering E. S. E.
All the forward hands are sick today caused
by eating fish that are affected by the Moon
They really present a laughable picture. Some are
hot, others are cold. Some casting up their accounts
and some casting them down. All of them have
a severe head ache. Afternoon and evening
squally double reefed topsails

Wednesday Aug 13th

Blows a half a gale from V steering W P W
At 6 A.M. furled the mainsail and spanker
The old craft is getting to leak considerable
though not very bad. Formerly she only leaked
from 2. to 600 strokes per week but now she leaks
from 4 to 8000 The hands have got over their
fish sickness

Ship St Peter Thursday August 14th 1851
Fresh winds steering S.W. by W. Turned both reefs
out of the main and 1 reef out of the fore topsail
and set the mainsail at 6 A.M. We are now
standing in shore again having stood off about 200
miles.

Friday Aug 15th

Unsteady and variable winds steering westerly
In the morning the weather was cloudy with squalls
but the afternoon pleasant. My small line^{the} has
been empty since the time that Mr. Ryder cut my
line and this morning he told me I could find
a coil of line in the sail pen. So I went and took
every bloody thing out of it but found no tow
line; I then knew he had sent me on a fools
errand. I raved, stamped, swore, and would have
done other things but opportunity was wanting so
I have to grin and bear it till some good time be

Saturday Aug 16th

Strong breezes standing W. S. W. At 11 p.m. 12 M.
We raised a whale passing close to the ship
Lowered the boats and Mr. Ryder fastened in
3/4 of an hour, As soon as he broke water again the
starboard boat got fast to the same whale. It was
useless now for me to strike him so we concluded to

Saturday continued
work loose whale. We went on and Mr See had just
give him the lance when he struck us under the quarter
with his flukes and then milled as quick as lightning
and stove us badly with his head between the bow and
midship thwart then came aft as far as the after thwart
and opened his ponderous jaws, took the boat in as far
as the keel and capsized her on top of his head spilling
us out without ceremony. He made off with the boat in
his jaws till Mr Ryder came up and lanced him
and picked off 2 men that was on the boat. The starboard
boat picked up the rest of us, also the boat oars &c.
The ship came down at 3 and took up the boat and
the whale alongside. Began cutting at 4 and finished
at 8 in the evening.

Sunday Aug 17th

Light winds and pleasant weather, began boiling
at 11 A.M. To day the men got the long promised dough ^{made}.

Monday Aug 18th

Finished boiling at 6 P.M. Pleasant weather and light
winds steering S.E. Saw a sail at 4 Afternoon

Tuesday Aug 19

Fresh winds and cloudy weather steering S.E.
Commenced repairing my boat.

Ship St-Peter Wednesday Aug 20th Coast 1861
Strong winds steering S W by W, continued repairing
my boat

Thursday Aug 21st
Finished the boat and got her on the cranes at
2 P.M. After that I cleaned the the craft and put
it in the boat, so I am ready for lowering again.
All I want is a small tub of line

Friday Aug 22nd
Strong winds steering W to W close hauled
Got out tow line and filled my small tub
much to my gratification. However I think
it cost the "old man" a great deal of sighing
for he watched me like a hungry dog watches
for his dinner while I was coiling it

Saturday Aug 23^d
Fresh gales and pleasant weather steering
E & E on the wind under double reefs I drifted
47 miles to leward in the last 24 hours

Sunday Aug 24th
In the morning the breeze was strong but it
fell gradually to a light one. As the wind
fell sail was made on her and at noon all
sail was set. Weather fine

Ship St Peter Monday Aug 25th 1859
Fresh winds standing on the wind W P W with
main topgalantrel and fly jib out At sunset
took in light sail.

Tuesday Aug 26th

Steered W P W under whole topsails &c In the
evening it came on squally. Double reefed and
furled the mainsail. More attention is paid
to catching fish than whales "now a days" and
the decks are most of the time covered with
fish 5 bbls are now turned up on deck

Wednesday Aug 27

The wind continued strong from P steering close
hauled W P W under double reef-courses &c

Thursday Aug 28th

Squally with variable and unsteady winds. Till
noon Afternoon pleasant. Took in and made sail
several times during the day. Chased Grampuses
several hours &c Towards night passed a large
shoal of fish among which were several Finbacks.
scooping stood in shore

Friday Aug 29th

Caspered the oil on deck ready for stowing
Had a great time shooting at finbacks

Ship St Peter Saturday Aug 30th. 1831
Stowed 34 bbls of oil in the fore hold. All the
forward hands are sick again to day from eating
more fish. And O! the cursing and swearing!

Sunday Aug 31st

Fresh winds and pleasant weather. Stood in
shore till 11 past 3 P.M. then tacked and stood
off E S E. Saw a sail on the weather quarter
at 6 P.M. Probably a merchantman

Monday Sep 1st

Stood in shore S W with a moderate
breeze sighted the coast of Africa at 8 P.M.
At 6 tacked and stood off E S E. We are
so near in shore again that the current
is gradually setting us to the northward
although we carry a press of sail Found
a decayed spot in the main mast below
the binnacle trees where the fore brace blocks go

Tuesday Sep 2nd

Made the land and stood along shore to
the S W till 1 P.M. when we tacked and stood
off E close hauled. The coast here is low
and appears to be well wooded, This
place is called Formosa Bay.

Ship St Peter Wednesday Sep 3^d Coast
stood in and sighted land at 9 A.M. then
stood off close hauled E from S.E.

Thursday Sep 4th
Moderate winds steering W Turning comes
is the business now instead of whaling. Rattle
rattle goes the old lath from one days end to
another

Friday Sep 5th
Steered E.N.E. and E with a good breeze
Gray and the mate kicked up a row this
morning and Gray went to the Captain
about it but got nothing for his pains
Saturday Sep 6th

In the morning it was almost calm with
light showers but during the forenoon the wind
freshened and the weather became pleasant
Steered close hauled N.W. till noon then
kept off to N.W. Come to the wind at sunset
Sunday Sep 7th

Stood along the coast nearly all day E by N
The coast here runs nearly E & W making
out into the sea to a considerable distance
We were 12 miles off shore

Ship St-Peter Monday Sep 8th Coast 1841
Stood in shore till noon. then tacked and stood
off E by S. with a light breeze under all sail

Tuesday Sep 9th

Stood W with a moderate breeze till noon
then tacked and stood E. S. Towards night
passed a great number of jelly fish

Wednesday Sep 10

Stood W. N. W. till 4 P.M. then E. S. In the
evening it came on to blow fresh Took in all
light sail

Thursday Sep 11th

Fresh winds going close hauled E S E. Caught
several shell fish of the Nautilus species
which by pressing in the hand emit a dark
purple fluid

Friday Sep 12

Stood southward and Eastward with a
moderate breeze making a passage back to
the Seychelles. Lat 16. N Lon 53. 40 East

Saturday Sep 13th

Almost a calm, going E Easterly under all
sail. Got out 24 lbs from a cask in the Storage

Ship U. S. Peter Sunday Sep 14th 1857
Light winds and fine weather steering
So easterly Going to the southward is rather
hard work again for during the past 24
hours we have steered almost S and have
made only 3 miles to the southward

Monday Sep 15th

The wind continues very light and rather
warriable steering So easterly In the afternoon
lowered for Blackfish but was so fortunate
as not to get fast Curse the Blackfish

Tuesday Sep 16th

Tacked at 7 and stood S W by W with a
very light breeze Lowered at 12 past 3 and
got a Blackfish There was some trouble between
the officers to day and the 2nd mate wanted his
discharge but it was no go and apologising brought
brought them all right again

Wednesday Sep 17th

Almost a calm steering S by W Fixed the
the toggle irons with a grommet and peg
There is a plenty of Blackfish around but
they did not see fit to lower. Bailed the
Blackfish oil this evening

Ship St. Peter Thursday Sep 18th 1851

Is a dead calm till 3 P.M. when a very
breeze sprang up from E steering S by W
The weather is extremely warm and sultry

Friday Sep 19th

Light and variable winds steering S westerly

Saturday Sep 20th

Light winds and fine weather steering
easterly till noon then went round
and stood S easterly the wind gradually
hauling westward. At sunset could hold
S by E

Sunday Sep 21st

Held a course due south till 4 P.M. when
the course was altered to S P E wind N W
All the signs presage an early change of
the monsoons this season Light and variable
winds are sure signs of its change

Monday Sep 22nd

Light and variable winds steering E P E
In the evening the wind hauled to S P E which
knocked us off to S W

Tuesday Sep 23^d

Fine weather with light and variable winds
steering S westerly on the wind

Ship St Peter Wednesday Sep 24th
Stood E & E by S with a good breeze from S by E
Cleaned and painted the chains. Capn Almy is
quite sick to day

Thursday Sep 25th
Stood S.W. with a good breeze from S & E
Took up old junk and began making sinned
Tacked at 3 P.M. and stood E.

Friday Sep 26th
Fresh winds standing S & S.W. Capn Almy
is convalescent

Saturday Sep 27th
Stood to the westward for cow island which
we made at 1/2 past 4 and lowered the larboard
and waist boat and pulled ashore for eggs. but
we got disappointed this time for there was not
a good egg to be found Since we were here
East 2 men have been buried here out of the
English Barge Emma of London W J
Angell died June 29th 1851 aged 57 years
W Smith died June 30th 51 aged 29 years
A single board marks the resting place
of both on this solitary Island

Ship St Peter Sunday Sep 28th

Fresh winds and cloudy weather. Raised a sail at 1/2 past six. About ship and chased till noon when she crossed our bows, hove to and set her colors. Lowered the starboard boat and Cap'n Almy went aboard.

Monday Sep 29th

Fine breezes and fine weather steering easterly. At 1/2 past 10 spoke the Barge dolphin Cap. Cutter and Cutter came aboard. At 2 P.M. the Marcelle came down and Cap'n Winslow came aboard. At 8 eve Cap'n Cutter and Winslow went aboard the dolphin. We braced forward and stood off.

Tuesday Sep 30th

Stood easterly with light and variable winds till 4 P.M. when it came on a dead calm and the topsails were lowered by the caps & courses hauled up.

Wednesday Oct. 1st

Perfectly calm. The topsails were hoisted home at daylight for a light cats paw but were soon lowered again. Sent down the fore and mizen top gallant sails and mended them. Whitewashed fore top gallant sail and spanker.

Ship Pt Peter Thursday Oct 2nd

In the morning it was calm and rainy but
at 12 past 11 it cleared up and a good breeze
sprang up from S S E steering N E by E
under all sail.

Friday Oct 3^d

Light winds and pleasant weather strong
N E by N These light winds and calms
here on the line are not very pleasant for
they come so near roasting one up there is
no particular fun in it. However I hope
that one year more will send us clear

Saturday Oct 4th

Altered the course to N with a light
breeze from S S E Killed the last hog
we had aboard. Such an occasion as
this rarely ^{occurs} aboard of the good old saint

Sunday Oct 5th

Steered N till noon then N N W till 6 P M
then N W by N Had a moderate breeze through
the day accompanied with fine weather
Fine weather on Sunday is pleasant but a
rainy Sunday is the abhorrence of an old
sailor.

Ship St. Peter Monday Oct 6th
We are in Lat 1.07 N and Lon 59.58 E Stead
N W by W with a light breeze from S

Tuesday Oct 7th

In the morning it was almost calm with the
appearance of showers but in a short time the weat
her cleared up and a fine breeze sprang up and
blew steady but variable throughout the day
Continued standing W & W.

Wednesday Oct 8th

Moderate breezes from S W going close hauled
about W. N. W. Took out a new line and coiled
it for a spare line. This is like everything else
that is done aboard this craft now the voyage
is almost up they will think of having a spare
line.

Thursday Oct 9th

Fine weather and strong breezes from S W by
steering N W by W Heaved fore and mizen
top gallant sails at 8 this morning

Friday Oct 10

Strong breezes and fine weather Lacked at
10 A.M. and stood S.E. on the wind. We
are probably going back to the Seychelles
again being about 530 miles to beat to Lo'a

Ship St. Peter Saturday Oct 11th 1841
Fine weather with a good breeze steering W by
S Now we have to beat back to the Seychelles
again after a wild goose chase away down here
to the northward of the line after nothing at
all but an idle fancy which so often gets
into the heads of those in power Instead of
following the track that the blind eye of
nature would point out as the most probable
course that whales would follow They go
where there is the greatest improbability of
getting whales and where their own experience
has taught them better It is enough to make
a person ashamed of himself I would think
to see how foolishly they work They will beat
for 6 months if they thought they could get
into a port where they could get a cargo
of recruits for a peice of cloth beside getting
rid of paying a few dollars for harbor duties
which never makes them a cent the poorer
Such men are not fit to command a ship
and should be rooted from all civilized
society as unfit to be associates for an
enlightened person

Ship St. Peter Sunday Oct 12th 1851
Moderate winds from S steering W P W.
Set the mizen Toppabnt sail at 6 A M and
the fore at 8 P M Wind falling

Monday Oct 13th

Light winds and calms In the afternoon
the wind hauled to W P W Tacked and stood
S

Tuesday Oct 14th

Nearly calm all day. Made a little to the
southward. Saw Humpbacks and Grampuses
but nothing of value to us Towards evening
a small yellow land bird came aboard and
we tried to catch it but our attempts were fruitless
and it left us in a short time

Wednesday Oct. 15th

Light winds from the southward steering Easterly
under all sail. Made spungarn and set up
main topmast rigging

Thursday Oct 16th

Moderate and rather variable winds steering
S westerly Saw any numbers of Grampuses
Finbacks all around but nothing of value to us
in this bloody region of mouldy bread and
other things to match

Ship St Peter Friday Oct 17th 1841

Very light and variable winds Tacked at 11 A.M.
and stood S.E. but the wind hauled more to the
eastward towards night and at 10 in the evening
tacked again and stood S.P.W.

Saturday Oct 18th

In the morning it was nearly calm but towards
noon the wind freshened to a good breeze which
lasted during the day steered so westerly
under all sail Broke out 1 bbl Beef 1 do Pork
and 8 bbls water

Sunday Oct 19th

Light and variable winds steering E westerly
The weather hazy but pleasant The wind for
a few days past has hauled about 3 points to
the southward during the day and fell back
again in the night time Nights calm and day
time have light breezes.

Monday Oct 20th

The wind continues light and variable strong
till 11 A.M. when the wind knocked us
off to S.W. by S Broke out a cask of bread
from the steerage which is full of the bread
worm

Ship St Peter Tuesday Oct 31st - 51

Steered close hauled So easterly with a light and variable winds. Those heavy tide rips which are so prevalent in this part of the ocean have made their appearance. They can be heard a considerable distance in calm weather.

Wednesday Oct 22nd

We have had the good luck to have a good & fair breeze to day from S W steering a course S E. In the evening took in fore top gallant sail.

Thursday Oct 23^d

In the morning had fresh winds but fell during the forenoon to a light breeze and became variable. Set the fore top gallant sail again at 7 A M.

Friday Oct 24th

Light winds from E N E steering close hauled S E. A large number of finbacks are around again with very large schools of Fish on which they feed.

Saturday Oct 25th

Light variable and unsteady winds steering close hauled So easterly. Tacked at noon and stood So easterly.

Ship St Peter Sunday Oct 26 #51

Moderate and rather variable winds steering so westerly. Several Finbacks came close to the ship to day and we had a fine opportunity of viewing them at our leisure. They appear to have 3 spout holes but are so near together as hardly to be distinguished from a single spout. They are capable of extending their lips to a considerable distance by which they perform the act of scooping which is done by spreading their jaws and coming suddenly among a large school of fish they scoop up large numbers. They appear to live entirely on fish. They also catch sharks when among schools of fish.

Monday Oct 27

Stood S S W till 4 P.M. when we tacked and stood E P E. Light winds and calms during the day. A large bone shark stayed around the ship for nearly 2 hours this evening.

Tuesday Oct 28th

Fine weather with light and variable winds. Gammed with the Barque U States Capt. Beckings. She has 700 sperm 22 mos out.

Ship St Peter Wednesday Oct 29th ^{Psychelles}
Stood easterly with small breezes

Thursday Oct 30th

A little after sunrise Wood raised a lone
whale. Lowered the boats about 9 and at
the second rising Mr Jose fastened Mr
Hyder fastened soon after. It was useless
for me to get fast so after a short time we
went aboard as the boat leaked badly
Took him alongside at 11 m. Commenced
cutting at 1 P.M. and finished at 4 past 6
Saw a sail a stern standing towards us

Friday Oct 31st

Began boiling at noon. Steered ^{Westerly} ~~Easterly~~
with a light breeze. The craft we saw last
night stood off to the eastward and went
out of sight at 4 past 10. P.M.

Psychelles Saturday Nov 1st

Continued boiling. Weather fine with
light winds steering S.Westerly

Sunday Nov 2nd

Finished boiling at 8 this morning. At 6 A.M.
Praslin was just ahead about 15 miles distant.
Took and stood off 8

Ship St Peter Monday Nov 3d - 51

In the morning it was calm with pleasant weather, but at noon it came on to rain and was squally the rest of the day. The wind light and unsteady from S. & W. & steering S. easterly. We are now standing off into the light and there is only 5 or 6 days water in the ship at the most and the monsoons are about changing and we may stand a chance to run rather dry. The wind hauled to N. and we held a course W. N. W. with an unsteady breeze. Land is just in sight from aloft bearing W. by N.

Tuesday Nov 4th

Unsteady and variable winds from the North and with light showers. Steered W. N. W. Praslin bears a little on the larboard bow. Took up the casks in the fore hold and put buckets in them.

Wednesday Nov 5th

Light winds and calms standing in towards the land. Took up the cables and cleared away the anchors at 8 A.M. expecting to get in by noon but we were mistaken this time for it came on a dead calm and we got no farther than the two sisters.

Ship Pt. Peter Thursday Nov 6th 51

At daylight we were just outside of Curien^x without any wind. Down boats and towed her in to the rocky point where a light breeze took us and at one board got a berth and let go the anchor in 10 1/2 fathoms of water at 9 A.M.

After this stowed 60 bbls of oil in the after hold Finished at 10 Evening

Friday Nov 7th

Started one gang ashore for wood and one for water Took off 2 boat loads of wood and rafted 19 casks of water A boat went ashore in the evening at Adams

Saturday Nov 8th

Stowed 17 pipes of water between decks before 8 O'clock A.M. After that the starboard watch went ashore on Liberty The other watch finished getting wood and stowed it nearly all

Sunday Nov 9th

Starboard watch ashore and after begging he let. my self. Lynceburg Langdon Robinson. Phaw Freell go ashore on conditions that we were to go only to a certain place and return at 3 P.M. which we did. Afraid we would run away perhaps

Ship St Peter Monday Nov 10th 51
Liberty stopped Basted & pipes of water
In the evening took the old boat ashore
and hauled her up on the beach The Capt'n
mate and several of the crew passed the
evening very pleasantly at Madam
Davies they said. I requested to go ashore
but was denied for what reason I don't know

Tuesday Nov 11th

Tripped the anchor at 6 but the wind was
very light and did not take it till past
7 and was obliged then to lower 2 boats and
tow her out beyond the rocky point. After
we got beyond the point of Currier the Capt'n
went ashore at La Digue to get some men
but did not succeed Returned at 4 P.M.
with a boat load of Cocoa nuts Stood
out E. N. E.

Wednesday Nov 12th

Stowed the Anchors and cables at 8 A.M.
Stood to the Northward with an unsteady
breeze accompanied with squalls

Saw a sail to leeward Standing in
towards the land James Carter

Ship ~~Pth~~ ~~Wth~~ Thursday Nov 13th 1861

In the morning Took several hard squalls
double reefed the Topsails and furled the
Mainsail It rained hard most of the morn^{ing}
but after noon came on pleasant Turned the
reefs out of the Topsails at 1 P.M. and reefed
them again at sunset. Mainsail set and furled ^{same times}

Friday Nov 14th

Set all sail at 6 A.M. No standing P.d & B.d
with a light breeze and fine weather
Barnished and painted my boat inside

Saturday Nov 15th

Fine weather and light winds steering
W. S. W. till noon then S W the rest of the
day. Sent down and mended the fore Top
and painted the Starboard Boat.

Sunday Nov 16th

Flood S W by W till noon then due W till
10 Evening when we came to the wind and
backed the main Topsail Towards night
a dark heavy mass of clouds gathered to
windward threatening a blow. Took in light sail
and furled the mainsail. At 7 the clouds
broke away and the evening was fine

Ship St. Peter Monday Nov 17th -54
Braced forward at 6 A.M. steering WNW
going to the Northward of Denneys Island
At 8 A.M. was in shoal water and we kept
off till clear of the bank and then resumed
the old course again. Had light winds from
the southward with fine weather

Tuesday Nov 18th

Tacked at 7-11 A.M. and stood to the Westward
for Cow Island sighted Cow Island at 1 P.M.
but was unable from the lightness of the wind
to make the land. The weather came on steadily
at 3 and rained most of the time till sunset
when it cleared up and was pleasant

Wednesday Nov 19th

Made ship at 3 in the morning and stood
in NW by W for Cow Island At 9 A.M. we
were about 6 miles off shore Lowered the
quarter boats and pulled ashore for eggs &c
but found none so the "old man" shot a few
birds and caught a few fish and came aboard
at 11 past 3 P.M.

Ship ^{Czechellus} St. Peter Thursday Nov 20th
Moderate breezes from W steering S E till
11 A M then E. S. E till 3 P. M. then S by S
till sunset when we came to the wind on
on the starboard tack heading S.

Passed about 12 miles N. E. of Denny's Island
at 10 A. M. Caught a small mouse owl

Friday Nov 21st

Set all sail at 6 A M standing on the
wind We are now making a passage around
the Banks which will take about 1 week

Saturday Nov 22nd

The wind continues light from S W steering
W. N. W. under all sail At sunset Prashin
bore about S W 5 miles distant The Skipper
and mate had a round turn this evening
about grub. He thought that 5 bbls. of meat
the amount averaged for the past 25 months
was too much. The mate thought not. Logs of
former voyages were then overhauled on both
sides and their contents argued upon but not
to the satisfaction of either party Hurra for
a row anything for a change

Ship St. Peter Sunday Nov 23^d Lyckelles
After breakfast this morning the "Old man"
began upon me about the grub; he thought the
men unaccountable eaters and began to rake me
about how much his men eat in former voyages
especially of a voyage in the Barge Fortune
when 16 men ran away in one night out of
one watch. He also run on to tell about his
living on blackfish and right whale meat
for several months on the Northwest as if he
thought the men could catch porpoises and
shipjacks to live upon. He dwelt a long
time on our eating 2 bbls of flour per month
and 5 bbls of meat per month he thought to
be outrageous. He ran on in this way till my
patience was entirely exhausted and I told
him if he thought I did not do right I would
resign my place to any one he should see
fit to put in my place; but this did not seem
to meet his views and after a discussion of
more than 2 hours the subject was reluctantly
dropped and he turned to and began reading
his Bible with great earnestness. Good So West. by
with an unsteady breeze with squalls

Ship St. Peter Monday Nov: 24th
Squally with fresh winds from NW by W. Tacked
at 2 This morning and stood ~~W~~ NW by S At daylight
a Barque was about 4 miles ahead of us
made all sail and gave chase. At 10 A.M. we
overhauled her. At the same time took a very
heavy squall and was obliged to take in light
sail and clew down Topsails. After the squall
had subsided a little she set her blue flag
"Whaleman's Signal" and Cap'n Almy went on
board. Found her to be the William Henry
of Warren B.S. Cap'n Jaws master 17 months
out with 300 sperm. At 3 P.M. the Barque Clarice
Cap'n Gifford ran off and. Cap'n. Gifford went
on board the W Henry. The Clarice is 23 1/2
months out with 300 sperm. The weather was
squally during the afternoon. Made sail at
3 P.M. but took it in at sunset and double
reefed I fed them on hard bread in the cabin
ye today and to day the "Old man" came to terms
and told me to go on as usual

Ship St. Peter Tuesday Nov. 25 Poychelles
Strong breezes from NW steering S P Wand S W by S
At 4 P.M. the Basque War. Henry passed to leeward
standing to the northward W. tacked at 6 and
took in light sails, stood N N E At 4 P.M. Senney
island bore W P W 16 miles distant

Wednesday Nov. 26th

Pleasant weather and fresh breezes from NW
standing W P W under all sail. Now the heavy weather
has come on again we have to pump twice in 24
hours averaging from 6. to 800 strokes per day

Thursday Nov. 27th

Light and variable winds steering westerly
At 4 P.M. Priestlin bore S W about 36 miles distant
Fixed hose and tub for wetting hold

Friday Nov. 28th

The wind continues light and baffling from
NW Tacked at 8 A.M. and stood Northward &
Eastward Towards night the wind hauled
to S W and at sunset we headed N W by N
They are now at work making a little
"Homeward bound" rigging such as futtock
shrouds Royal gaskets &c &c

Ship St Peter Saturday Nov 29th -67
Light and baffling winds standing to the
northward till noon then Tacked and stood
to westerly. Wet hold this morning for the
first time. Hereafter it will be wet once a week

Sunday Nov 30th

At 10 A.M. raised a school of whales to
windward and at noon lowered the boats
and pulled up there and in an hour and 1/2
we were all fast to a whale apiece. We turned
our whale up in a short time: as well Mr
Byder but Mr Jose's whale run him for
nearly 4 hours. We cut from our whale to chase
the school but did not waif him so that
when we returned from chasing the school
the whale was nowhere to be found and we
went aboard a little after sunset Mr Byder
got aboard at 9 and Mr Jose at 1/2 past 11
crewing having to tow his whale about 10 miles.
This is rather hard luck to get a whale
and then loose him so foolishly for a
moments work would have waifed the whale
So much for giddy headed officers

Ship St Peter Monday Dec 1st 57

Turned to at day light and began cutting in At 8 raised a school of whales so they hurried and finished cutting at 9 AM

Lowered the boats as soon as possible and in about an hour Mr Jose went on but the whale was laying still and they got galleyed After this the whales went uniformly to leward and after 2 hours Mr Ryder got fast. ~~but~~ the whales still went to leward and Mr Jose went on but did not fast. For a half an hour more I went on and got fast to a good sized cow and dragged another but instead of killing the whale we was fast to ~~Mr~~ Lee must tinker around a loose whale till he got the line in his mouth and bit it off and we was in another bloody scrape and were obliged to return to the ship at 8 eve with out a whale Mr Ryder took his whale alongside at 4 PM

The Ship Brandt came along at 6 PM and in the evening the captain came aboard Hails 250 spm 125 Whale

helly

Ship St. Peter Tuesday Decr 2nd
Cut in the whale in the morning and
began boiling at noon. At 5 raised a dead
whale and took him alongside. He ~~was~~^{is} half
eaten up by the sharks but will pay for cutting.

Wednesday Decr 3^d

Cut in the whale and continued
boiling Light winds and fine weather
standing westward Coiled my line & cable

Thursday Decr 4th

In the morning it came on to rain and
was obliged to cool down the works but
coming on pleasant at 8 they were started
again and finished boiling at noon

Weather continues pleasant standing W'd

Friday Decr 5th

Broke out shocks from between decks
and jammed with the Barque Maria
Capn Moore. She has now 250 sperm bound
around the cape to cruise in the Atlantic

Saturday Decr 6th

Just wind enough to keep us from drifting
on Denney's Island Brant. Itales & Maria
in sight Brant struck whales with light
could not get to the scene of action

Ship St Peter Sunday Decr 7th

The main yard was backed in the night but was braced forward at 6 A.M. standing NW with a very light breeze towards night. The Barquis, Flates and Maria came. Mr. Ryder went aboard the Maria at 9 evening to carry letters as she is bound home.

Monday Decr 8th

All hands turned up to cooper the oil for stowing. Weather fine with light winds in the morning and a dead calm in the afternoon. Finished coopering and broke out the wood and empty barrels from the after hold.

Tuesday Decr 9th

Booke out 62 bbls of meat from the after hold and stowed down 90 bbls of oil. A few bbls of meat are back & the Capn told the cook to use that first. I think there will be some growling.

Wednesday Decr 10th

Light and variable winds steering N. by E. Set up shooks for oil casks. Evening quite squally.

Ship Pt. Peter Thursday Decr 11th

Cloudy weather with light and variable winds steering N Wa N W by W. Donneys island on the weather quarter 14 miles off. All the forward hands turned aft after supper this evening to see about their bad beef. The "Old man" rowed up a little but he found them "thar" and on their demanding states allowance he came to terms, threatening however to make them eat the bad beef by way of hedging off.

Peychelles Friday Decr 12th

The wind continues light and variable. We ended the mainsail and bent a new mizen topsail. In the evening took a light squall from S W.

Saturday Decr 13th

Light winds and calms. The hands had a long time over board swimming this morning. We have drifted far to the eastward in this long calm.

Sunday Decr 14th

Showery with variable and unsteady winds. The Brandt and states on the lee quarter.

Ship Pt Peter Monday Decr 15th
In the morning it was cloudy with
light and variable winds and the afternoon
and evening squally. Cleaned my craft

Tuesday Decr 16th

Fine weather and moderate winds from
W steering S S W At 4 PM a barque passed
about 4 miles to windward which we think
is the Clarice Cap'n Gifford Took a light
squall at sunset. E Wood taken sick

Wednesday Decr 17th

Moderate but rather variable winds
steering close hauled about W N W
Ported main top sail sheet rail at 8
this morning when tacking ship. Bought
a lance of Mr. Jose and ground it

Thursday Decr 18th

Squally with baffling winds standing
to the westward It rained hard all the
afternoon and evening with thunder and
very sharp lightning
Cook in light sail in the evening

Ship St Peter Friday Dec^r 19th 51 Dutchelles

Steered S W till noon when we made
Low Island and kept off to S E At
4 P.M. came to the wind with the larboard
Tacks aboard steering N N E under all sail
Saturday Dec^r 20th

Stood in to the westward with a moderate
breeze from N N W Low a sail on the lee
quarter At noon Tacked and stood N N E
At 3 the sail Tacked, hauled up her mainsail
and backed her main yard We immediately
kept off thinking she was whaling but
when we got down there we found she
was only black fishing Found her to be
the Hector of Warren Be J. Cole master
17 mas out 400 sperm Cap'n Cole came aboard

Sunday Dec^r 21st

Squally most of the day with unsteady
winds standing in to the westward till noon
when we Tacked and stood N and N N W
under all sail Took a severe squall
at 4 P.M. and clewed down light sail
Got a new since warp and regged

Leychelles

Ship St Peter Monday Decr 22nd 59
Unsteady and variable winds heading in to
the westward In the afternoon the old Barge
Maria came up and we had a gam She is
now bound to Sansibar and from there
home We got a man out of her belonging
to Joanna. A dorky of course went catford

Tuesday Decr 23rd

Moderate breezes and fine weather steering
close hauled to the Northward and westward
The Maria is steering the same course
Locked at noon and stood to the Southward

Wednesday Decr 24th

Unsteady winds accompanied with squalls
At 1/2 past 10 A.M took a very severe one
which tore the main topgallantsail from
the bolt rope and split the flying jib
Mended the topgallantsail and bent it at 5 P.M.

Thursday Decr 25th

At 6 A.M. cracked on all sail steering close
hauled O.W. with as much wind as we could
take care of In the evening it came on
squally; took in light sail and single reefed
the Topsails

Ship St Peter Friday Decr 30th Lyckell
Fresh winds and cloudy weather steering close
hauled So Westerly with main topgallantsail
and flying jib set At 11 A.M took a severe
squall while we was wearing ship and blew
the main topgallantsail out of the leach rope
and came near sending us on our beams end
However we got the topsails double reefed ~~at~~
and the torn sail sent down without accident
In the afternoon the weather was showery
with light winds Mended the torn sail

Saturday Decr 31th

Turned the reefs out of the topsails at
6 A.M and set main topgallantsail and
fly jib at 8 Lacked ship several times
during the day heading N.W & S. In the
evening it came an squally took in light sail
Began wetting the after hold

Sunday Decr 31th

Squally with variable and unsteady winds
The ship got aback several times this
morning and the cabin was flooded with
water several times because the deadlights
were left open

Ship St Peter Monday Decr 29th

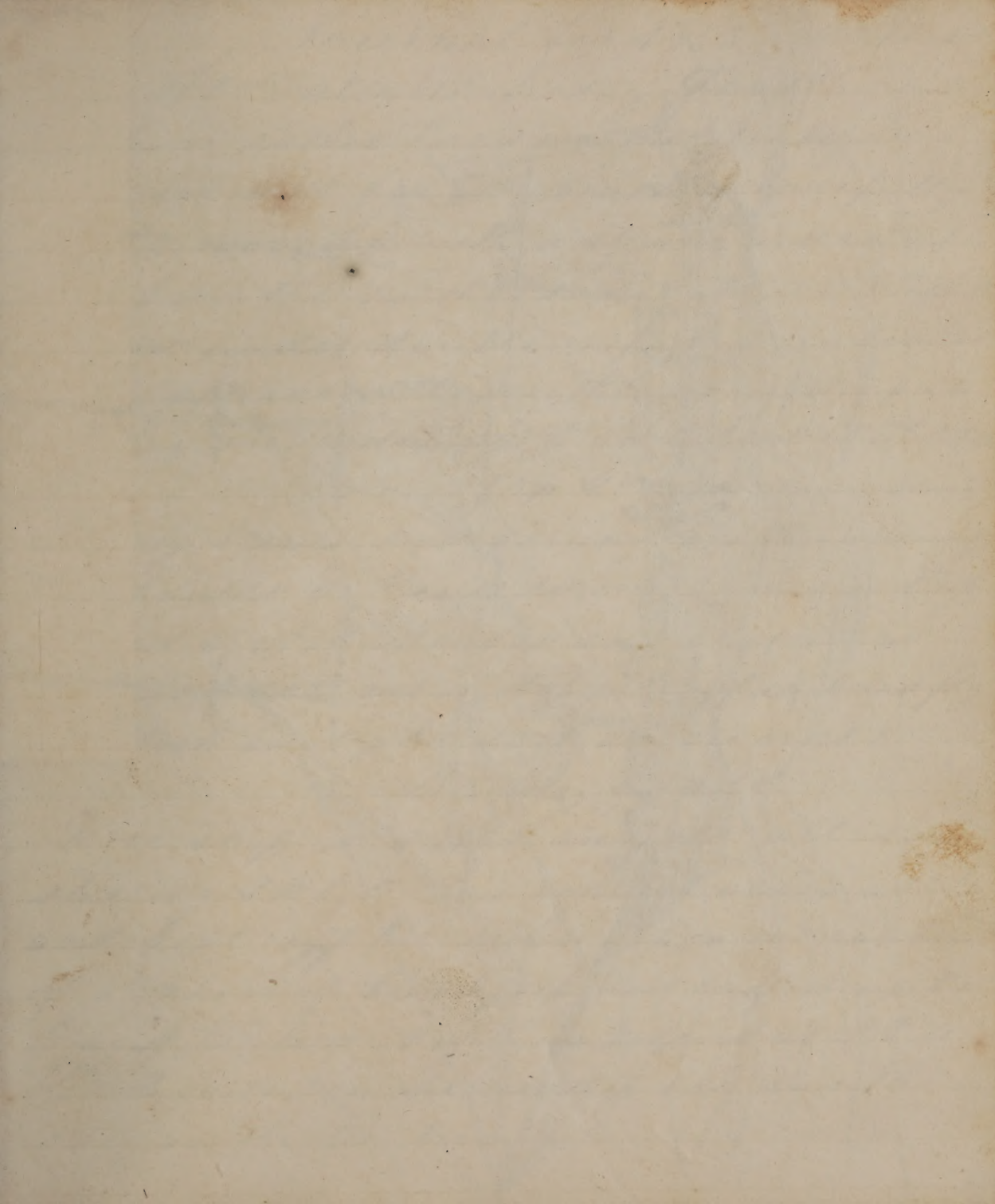
Broke out between decks and took out 2 bolts of canvas from a sail cask and sewed it together to put in the foresail At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 the barge Hector ran off and we had a gam It began to rain at 1 P.M. and rained without stopping till 4 o'clock when we double reefed topsails This is fine weather for gamming

Tuesday Decr 30th

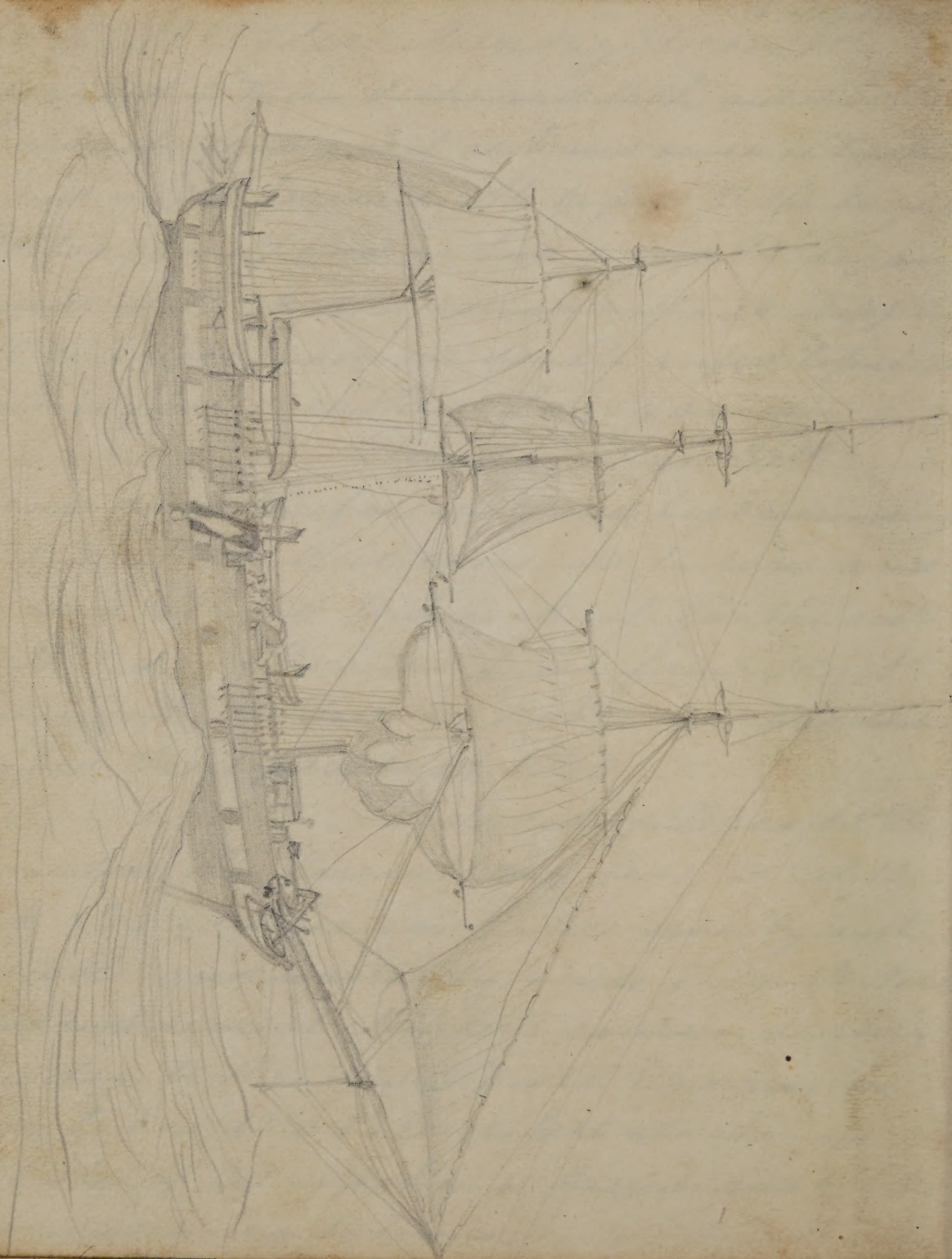
Sent down the foresail and began mending it but at 1 P.M. it come on to rain and we were obliged to knock of for the rest of the day The wind fresh from the N steering W St took in light sail and double reefed the topsails at 1 P.M.

Wednesday Decr 31st

Finished the foresail and sent it at 10 A.M. The weather continues squally with variable and unsteady winds from the N and steered several different courses during the day to the S.W. & West This year we have taken 13 whales which stowed us 436 bbls of oil. Spoken 11 Barges and 1 ship Been gamming 18 times



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Ship St Peter Thursday Jan 1st

We have rather hard weather to begin a new year with for it rained powerfully all the morning with a strong and variable wind from the northward stood to the best advantage under double reefs and fore course In the afternoon the weather cleared up so that they mended the jib and bent it at 3 P.M.

Jan 2nd off Cow Island

Strong breezes and cloudy weather steering close hauled W. Bent down the main top sail at 6 A.M. Mended and bent it at 1 P.M. and set main top gallant sail and fly jib Tuck in light sail at sunset

Saturday Jan 3^d

Wore ship at 6 A.M. and set all sail steering S by E. Saw some breaches at 8 and kept off till noon when we ran foul of a school of blackfish and luffed up to E by N. Passed N of Cow Island at 3 P.M. Law 3 sails, 1 on the weather bow and the other on the lee beam

at 1/2 cow salmon

Ship Pt Peter Sunday Jan 4th

stood in to the westward with a good breeze from N.W. We ran off and both creel around for the best part of the morning because there was a craft to leeward which we thought was whaling. At 1 P.M. saw a Barge on the weather bow take whales alongside and cut in. Tacked off to the N.W. at 5 P.M.

Monday Jan 5th

We raised the light of the old States sailing about 4 this morning. She stood across our bows till daylight and Tacked standing in our wake. We steered close hauled P.M. till 11 past 1 P.M. when we raised breaches on the weather quarter and tacked but when on her weather beam she locked her main topsail and the Captain went aboard. She took a 50 bl bull.

Tuesday Jan 6th

For the morning it was fine and pleasant but at 1 P.M. it came on squally. Took in light sail and double reefed topsails at 1/2 past 4.

Ship St Peter Wednesday Jan 7th
Shook the reefs out of the topsails and
set main topgallantsail and fly jib at
8 A.M. but coming on to blow fresh with
squalls took them in again and double
reefed at 1/2 past 11 The Barque U States
ran off at 1/2 past 1 - I bound in to port to make

Thursday Jan 8th
Took ~~off~~ to the Northward under double reefed
topsails and foresail Weather continues
squally with strong breezes

Friday Jan 9th
At ^{past} 3 this morning we were in shoal water
close to cow Island but we soon made
sail on the ship and cleared off. A few
moments more would have sufficed to
strike us fast on the L.E. reefs. Stood
off N.E. with main topgallantsail and fly
jib out it blowing a stiff breeze
In the afternoon had the pleasure of
racing a barque which proved to be the
best sailer Iacked at 1/2 past 4 P.M. and
stood W by S

Ship St Peter Saturday Jan 10th
Fine and pleasant weather with a moderate
breeze from N W by N steering close hauled
W by S till 11 past 11 A.M. when we made
Cox Island and stood of N.E. 4 sails
are in sight to day At 5 ran off towers
a sail on the lee beam but she held her
course and we hauled on the wind again at 6

Sunday Jan 11th
Pleasant weather with a good breeze Steg
S till 10 A.M. when we tacked and stood
off to the northward and Eastward Gray
is worse this morning and the Capin
bled him At 3 P.M. 4 Barques came together
and had a gam We were to far off to come in
Monday Jan 12th

Sent down and mended the fore top
sail bending it at 4 P.M. At 5 spoke the
Barque Catherine and Capin Allen of Westport
Engl 12 mos out with 420 spm Capn A.
came aboard and spent the evening
We have 3 on the sick list to day viz
Gray ~~Wood~~ & Langdon

Ship St Peter Tuesday Jan 13th No low sailing
Hood W with a moderate breeze from N.N.W
On account of the sick ones they are to stand
boats crews watches daytimes till they get well
or till they see fit to change them Wood returned
to duty again to day

Wednesday Jan 14th
Continued steering to the westward with a
moderate breeze and fine weather Bent down
the fore topgallant sail and mended it Bent
it again at 2 P.M. and set it Grog is worse

Thursday Jan 15th
Fine weather steering W.N.W with a good breeze
from N under all sail There is a general clanking
about the watches about these times no one
knows when his trick comes at all and on the
whole I think it is rather a foul mess of it
Langan returned to duty at 4 P.M.

Friday Jan 16th
The weather continues pleasant still going
close hauled N.W with a light breeze
It is quite evident that we are bound
to the Coast of Africa or off the island
of Cocota

Ship St Peter Saturday Jan 17th
 Steered close hauled N.W. with a strong
 N.E. Took in the fore topgallant sail before
 breakfast by the way of giving the men an
 appetite for that delightful task of grinding
 old hofs and mouldy biscuit

Sunday Jan 18th
 Have strong breezes and fine weather. Although
 the weather is pleasant the atmosphere is
 very thick and hazy and it is impossible
 to see a spot more than 2 miles continued
 the course to the N.W. At sundown
 double reefed the topsails. Now the rugged
 weather has come on we are obliged to
 pump from 800 to 1000 strokes every 24 hours

Monday Jan 19th
 Steered the course of N.W. during the day
 with a strong breeze from N.E. Tacked at
 sunset and stood S.E. till midnight, & reefed

Tuesday Jan 20th
 At 8 this morning we made the land &
 when about 5 miles from it tacked and
 stood off close hauled S.E. The land here
 is low and sandy along shore but rises into
 mountains back in the interior

Ship P. Peter Wednesday Jan 21st Coast
stood in shore till 2 P.M. when land was
just in sight from a loft Tacked and
stood off E. S. E. on the wind Pleasant weather
with strong breezes from N. E.

Thursday Jan 22nd

Steered N.W. with a fresh breeze from N. E. till
11 A.M. then W. till 1 P.M. when we wore around
and came to the wind on the off shore tack
The main topgallant sail and fly jib were
set at 6 A.M. but it blew so fresh when
we hauled on the wind we were obliged to
take them in. Gray is ^{double reefed fore & main topsails} worse to day at 6 P.M.

Friday Jan 23rd

Tacked a 2 this morning and stood close
hauled N by E till 1/2 past 6 when we kept
off to N.W. by N. It blew so fresh this morning
that the reefs were not turned out of the
topsails At 4 P.M. the land was about 12
miles distant Wore ship and stood off S. E.
on the wind At the same time double reefed
the main topsail and furled the mainsail
Gray is worse than usual to day with the
rheumatism

Ship St Peter Saturday Jan 24th

This morning Grey was worse than usual and about 7 was taken with violent pains in the lower part of the bowels The Captain gave him an injection of laudanum and bathed him in hot water for some time Between ~~8~~^{12 past 9} the pain left him altogether but he was very restless wanting to be moved all the time and when they would move him he was never contented but wished to be moved again About this time his voice grew very weak so that he was hardly able to speak at all and he grew in a short time very quiet This alarmed the one that was watching with him and he sent for the Captain who went down immediately and found he was dying Although it was very unexpected to me it was not so with the Captain for he had some time previous that he could not live long He died at 12 past 10. A.M. without a groan perfectly unconscious of anything that passed At 4 P.M. backed the main top sail and after reading the Episcopal burial service over him we cast him into the dark blue sea.

Ship St Peter Sunday Jan 25th

Steered S.W under double reefed topsails the wind blowing strong from N.E. At sunset the wind fell considerable and we luffed to the wind heading it with the star board tacks aboard. There is a stillness and solemnity to day that I have not seen before aboard of this ship. Life seems to hang by a single breath.

Monday Jan 26th

Pleasant with a good breeze from N.E. steering S.W I turned the reefs out of the fore and main topsails, loosed the mainsail and furled the mizen topsail. Gired the crossjack yard and set the sail again at 11 A.M.

Tuesday Jan 27th

At 4 A.M squared away and stood W by N with a good breeze. Lighted the land at 10 A.M. At 3 we were close in shore. Tacked and stood off close hauled S.S.E. There is a range of Islands along here that look very fertile. The city of Patta lies a few miles to the southward. It was not far from here that we put old Jim ashore last voyage.

Coast

Ship ~~St~~ Peter Wednesday Jan 28th
In the morning the wind was fresh but towards
noon it fell and in the afternoon it was
nearly calm Set the main Topgallant sail
and flying jib Flood N.E. till noon then
tacked and stood S.E.

Thursday Jan 29th
Fine weather with light breeze steering
to the Northward The Mate is making a
suit of bunt gaskets for the Topsails
and Courses. Finished with one for the
mizen Top sail this afternoon

Friday 30th
The wind continues very light from the
Eastward, standing to the Northward
This light weather relieves the pumps
a great deal having to work them no more
than 100 strokes in 24 hours

Sat ~~Jan~~ 31st
Raised whales at 1/2 past 5 this morning
and at 7 lowered and the Larboard boat
struck a good sized can Chased the school
for 2 hours and gave it up Finished cutting
and began to boil at 4 P.M.

Ship Pt. ~~Feb~~ Sunday February 1st
Finished boiling at 10 A.M. and cleaned
up decks which kept the men busy till noon
In the afternoon coopered the casks as they
shrank and that kept them at work till near
night Had fresh winds and fine weather
steering close hauled about N.W. under ^{top} sail

Monday Feb 2nd

The breeze holds strong standing to the
Northward with main top gallant sail and
fly jib out At sunset we were laying
down to the breeze and the old craft
was pitching her head under at every sea
Took in light sail only

Tuesday Feb 3rd

We raised a sail and was in hopes that it
was somebody to gam with but it turnec
out to be nothing but a Dow standing
about N.W. under all the sail ~~she~~ could
muster looking like any thing but a vessel
of any kind Tacked off at 2 P.M. standing S.E.

Wednesday Feb 4th

Tacked and stood off shore at 8 A.M. with
a moderate breeze and a very strong current

Ship St. Peter Thursday Feb 5th Coast
Wor at 1/2 past 6 A.M. and stood off S.E. under
all sail with a light breeze and pleasant
weather

Friday Feb 6

This morning at 8 o'clock the 2nd mate
raised breaches on the weather bow and
we stood along on the wind to the N. or N.W.
Till 1/2 past 10 when more breaches were
raised breaches on the lee bow. Kept off
and a little before 11 raised spouts. Got the
boats down as soon as possible and each
boat got fast in about 1 1/2 an hour. The whale
rove to in pads which gave us a good chance
but there was a large number of calves
among an they fought so that it was al-
most impossible to haul on to lance.
Then Mr. Ryder turned up his whale but
was obliged to stay by him Mr. Jose got foul
of my whale and parted his line & so.
However we took 3 whales alongside at
4 P.M. and were much gratified to find
2 of them were my whales. Cut in one
whale

Ship Pt Peter Saturday Feb 7th Coast
Began cutting at daylight and finished at
9 A.M. Cut up the heads; put the case in
the pots and began boiling at 5 P.M. Weather
pleasant with strong breezes.

Sunday Feb 8th
At 8 A.M. picked up a dead bull whale
which we cut in immediately Continued boiling

Monday Feb 9th
Finished boiling at 11 A.M. After dinner
wet the hold and cleaned up decks. Most
of the forward hands are badly swelled in
the feet and legs which is probably a touch
of the scurvy. Remedy: 1 quart of vinegar on

Tuesday Feb 10th
A calm set in about 10 A.M. which lasted
till 4 P.M. when a light breeze sprang up
and we stood along close hauled about N.N.W.
till sunset when we wore around to E.S.E. Weather
very hot and sultry.

Wednesday Feb 11th
Coopered the oil for stowage In the afternoon
broke out the after hold taking out the wood
and empty barrells Weather fine

Ship St. Peter Thursday Feb 12th Coast
Stowed 100+10 bbls of Oil in the after
hold finishing at 4 P.M. Weather pleasant
with light winds steering N till noon then
W by N till 8 Eve and then W P.W. bound to
Zanzibar for recruits which we need very
much as the men are nearly turned up
with the scurvy

Friday Feb 13th

We are all looking to see the City to day but
are all disappointed for our latitude is only
3.59 and we have a light breeze Steered W by N
till in the evening when she was kept at
P.W. Put up new burnt gaskets this morning

Saturday Feb 14th

Sighted Pemba at day light distant about
15 miles At 9 of french Barque passed ~~scrap~~
our bows and stood in to the P.W. We stood
P.P.W. a few miles off shore till sunset when
when we made the I point and stood in to
westward The Frenchman come to the wind
at 4 P.M. and stood off and on at the end
of Pemba At sunset took in light sail and
at 10 o'clock hove her to on the starboard Tack

Ship St Peter Sunday Feb 15th 1852

Braced forward at sunrise and set all sail steering

W. I. W. When the "old man" came on deck he was a little puzzled for there was land close to on the starboard bow and he thought we had drifted to the northward along the coast of Pemba but on going aloft found that Zanzibar bore S. I. E. just in sight. We had drifted to the westward near the main land. Luffed up to S by E and made the N point of Zanzibar at 9 A. M.

Stood along down the shore and came to an anchor off the city at 6 P. M. The french craft we saw yesterday came in an hour afterwards. This makes up the number of 5 vessels in the harbor 3 Bombay men under English colors & Frenchmen and a Yankee. The Captain went ashore at 4 at the American consul's residence.

Monday Feb 16th

The starboard watch ashore on liberty and of all the places I ever saw this beats all. When we got near the shore the stench was so offensive that it would almost make one gag. I cruised over the place all ^{day} and returned aboard at sunset quite satisfied. The city is one extended ^{market} where any thing

almost can be bought from rotten sharks. to
Yashee clocks The inhabitants are composed of
several different tribes of Arabs. Hindoos Kananis
and native africans which are mostly slaves
The better part of the houses are built of
stone plastered over with lime The houses of
the slaves are built of sticks and mud covered
with cocoa nut leaves The religion of the Arabs
is Mohometan The Hindoos are Brahmins

Tuesday Feb 17th

Took a raft of casks ashore, ^{for water} at Matonie (the
residence of the King) and filled it taking
it off and hoisting it in at 4 P.M. Also took
a number of empty bborrells ashore for sale

Wednesday Feb 18th

Starboard watch ashore on liberty. The other
watch took ashore the remainder of the bbls
and cials amounting in all to 90+ Took off
a quantity of oranges Kanannas & sweet potatoes

Thursday Feb 19th

Starboard watch ashore Took off recruits of
Sweet potatoes limes Oranges &c

Ship O^r Peter Friday Feb 20th

Wet rainy weather. Took off some gums, potatoes and put the right whale bone ashore at the French consul's residence. Shipped Francois A. Dodge and Thomas Hiffle before the mast

Saturday Feb 21st

Hove short at 6 this morning but at 8 it came on to rain and blow a little squall at 8 and the chain was payed out again the Cap^{tain} being ashore & he returned at 1/2 past 8 and we took our anchor at 9 and stood out through the northern passage making the north pt at 10 in the evening Weather showery with light winds from the southward

Sunday Feb 22nd

Made the E. end of Temba at daylight and hauled the ship on the wind heading S E by S with a moderate breeze Took the anchors on the bow and stowed the cables at 6 A.M. After noon the wind fell and hauled ahead so we obliged to tack at 12 past 3 to keep off shore Took in light sail and double reefed topsails at sunset

Ship St Peter Monday Feb 23rd 52
We beat all night between Pemba and
Zanzibar and at daylight found ourselves
farther than ever to the westward The wind
was light and variable and at 3 P.M. we were
obliged to tack to keep off shore again

The current is what plays the devil with us
At 6 P.M. we were close to the N point of
Zanzibar Took up and bent on the Carboard
chain but did not clear away the anchor.

Tuesday Feb 24th

It was calm most of the night and this
morning found we had drifted considerably
to the Northward between Pemba and the
main land A light breeze sprang up from
the Southward at 7 and we stood out to
the N.W. making the N point of Pemba
at 12 M precisely

Wednesday Feb 25th

Took a light breeze from the westward at 7 A.M.
and stood off. S. P. E. Lowered for blackfish
this afternoon but without success The wind
hauled at 3 P.M. and knocked us off to N.E.

Ship St. Peter Thursday Feb 26th Coast

Stood close hauled S.E. with a very light breeze from E.N.E. Painted the larboard boat and sent down and stowed main topsail sheets Nearly every one is hard up with a hard cold.

Friday Feb 27th

Continued to stand to the southward & eastward under all sail Sent down the mizen to gallant yard and repaired its rigging and sent a new sail sent it up again at 1 P.M. Broke out for shook heads between decks

Saturday Feb 28th

Moderate breezes standing close hauled S.E. by S. The wind gradually fell during the day and in the evening it was nearly calm. A Barque passed us this morning standing to the westward

Sunday February 29th

It came on nearly calm at 6 This morning and held so till 6 This evening Nothing occurred

Monday March First

Had a light breeze this morning but it fell nearly calm in the afternoon Took up shooks from the fore hold and commenced setting up casks Weather hot and sultry

Ship St Peter Tuesday March 2nd Coast
Moderate breezes from the eastward steering to
the N^od on the wind Finished setting up casks
and stowed them in the hold We are now bound
back to the Seychelle islands

Wednesday Mar 3rd
Stood to the N.E. with a moderate breeze
and pleasant weather Took up the twine
machine and made fishline & seizing stuffs

Thursday Mar 4th
We are still going to the N.E. under all
sail with fine weather and light winds

Friday Mar 5th
Today we are favoured with a fine breeze
but it is in our teeth not being able to hold
better than N.N.E. drewed and spliced rope
garns

Saturday Mar 6th
Moderate breezes steering close hauled N.N.E.

Sunday Mar 7th
Saw several breaches this morning but they
were so far off that it was impossible to
make them out Steered N.E. moderate wind

Ship St Peter Monday March 8th

Fighted the coast at daylight and stood along shore N. N. E. till noon when we tacked to S. S. E. Tacked to the Northward at 8 Evening again Meepers Ryder and Lee had a blow up this morning but no damage was done

Tuesday Mar 9th

Tacked and stood off S. E. with a good breeze Spoke the English Barge Senecal from Sunderland to Quez with coal & mos out The I saw a large sperm whale last evening

Wednesday Mar 10th

Fine weather and strong breezes steering close h'd. S. E. by E. Saw a breach and ran off S. W. for 3 hours but seeing no more of it luffed to the wind again

Thursday March 11th

Bgually weather with variable and unsteady winds till 11 A M when it fell calm and remained so during the day

Friday Mar 12th

It continued calm with showers all day In the evening had a light and very variable breeze from the westward

From coast to Lychen

Schip P. Peter Saturday March 13th
In the morning the wind was variable from
the westward with showers steering E but in
the afternoon the wind hauled Eastward with
fine weather steering close hauled N.N.E.

Sunday Mar 14th
Fine weather with light breezes from the southward
standing Eastward; After noon it came on cloudy
and threatened squalls but it cleared away at 5 P.M.
and the wind hauled to S.P.W. going E by S
At 8 in the evening it fell calm

Monday Mar 15th
At 5 this morning we took a light breeze and
stood along close hauled E.N.E. till 8 A.M.
when the wind hauled and we tacked to E.S.E.
Took up and cleared out the bread pipe and
put the rice and bean sacks into it

Tuesday Mar 16th
Moderate weather and fine breezes steering close
hauled S.E. by E Drawed rope yarns and
made spungarn and fitted new fore royal rigging

to Seychelles

Ship St Peter Wednesday March 17th
Turned in and set up starboard mizen rigging
and plaited scannet The wind is light with
fine weather steering So Easterly In the Ev'g
took a squall and was obliged to tack to N.E.

Thursday Mar 18th

Weather cloudy with some rain. Wind variable
and unsteady from S.W. and East steering N.E.

Friday Mar 19th

It is a dead calm and the sun is pouring
down its rays with an intensity that almost
beggars description Blew down topgallant
sails, hauled down gibs and up courses After
supper several of us were overboard swimming
In the evening took a light breeze

Saturday Mar 20th

Light and variable winds steering N & E
In the morning I went down and humbugged
after Blackfish but without success The wind
hauled at noon and we tacked to E & P & E

Sunday Mar 21st

To day we have steady and moderate breezes
from the S.W. steering E by S Weather fine
and pleasant

Ship St Peter Monday Mar 22nd

In the morning had light breezes with showers steering close hauled S.E. till 1 P.M. when we took a squall and tacked to N.E. Furlled fore and mizen Topgalsails and clewed up the main but set it again after the squall was over. 156 miles W of African islands.

Tuesday Mar 23^d 4.11.1

Squally with variable winds beating to the eastward. It rained most of the afternoon but we was able to hold a course East

Wednesday Mar 24th

Pleasant weather with light winds and calms. Made seising stuffs. Towards night it came on to blow a light and steady breeze from the westward steering E. At 3 P.M. were 90 miles W of Cow Island

Thursday Mar 25th

It came on calm and held so till 4 past 1 P.M. when we took a very light breeze from the westward falling to a calm at sunset clewed down the sails and let them hang. Fixed an accommodation ladder and a pair of gangway steps

Ship St. Peter Friday March 26th

A light breeze sprang up towards morning and at 6 we set all sail steering close hauled N.E. till 11 past 6 A.M. when we tacked to S sighted Silhouette early in the morning and at 1 P.M. saw Cow Island ahead.

Saturday Mar 27th

Cloudy weather and light and variable winds steering easterly In the afternoon held a course and sighted Dennis island at 5 o'clock.

Sunday Mar 28th

The weather was squally till 10 A.M. when it cleared away and the "Old man" lowered the starboard boat and went ashore on Dennis island. The boat returned at noon with 3 turtle. After noon went ashore again and took off 4 hogs. There are now about 15 inhabitants here Colored

Monday Mar 29th

Cloudy weather and light winds steering about N.E. spoke the Barque hope Captain Robbins at 3 P.M. She is lately from Paya de Makla Banks where most of the whaling fleet are. They have been doing little or nothing since we went to the Coast.

Ship St Peter Tuesday March 30th
Light and variable winds steering Northward
It was calm most of the afternoon and the ~~Keop~~
is about 4 miles distant - Cap'n Robbins came
aboard at 3 P.M. Lost sight of land to S.W.
Wednesday Mar 31st

Put new seisings on the starboard fore rigging
The weather continues fine with unsteady breezes
Cap'n Robbins came aboard this afternoon
and bought the 10 bbls of meat that we got
from Cap'n Moore

Thursday April 1st
Variable and unsteady winds with squalls
Saw a sail ahead at 3 P.M. and stood along
to speak her but were not able from the
lightness of the wind. Towards night took a
heavy squall and took in light sail 3 4 5 at 6

Friday April 2nd
Strong and variable winds with squalls Turned
the reefs out of the top sails and set the
main top gallant sail and fly jib at 6 A.M.
but were obliged to take them in at 2 P.M.
Theodore and the cook had a slight
round turn at 11 past

Ship St Peter Saturday April 3^d Seychelles
We have all sorts of weather to day so it is hard
to tell which predominates sometimes it
blows half a gale and in a short time again
it is almost calm and we are uncomfortably
pitching and rolling in a short nasty sea
We are beating to the westward

Sunday April 4th

Moderate breezes from the westward steering N
till 12 past 9 A.M. when we tacked to S.W.
and set fore top gallant sail The wind hauled
at 8 in the evening and we tacked to W.N.W.

Monday April 5th

Stood W.N.W. and N.W. during the day with
a moderate moderate breeze from S.W. W.S.W.
Pent out and set up the inner bobstay

Tuesday April 6th

Stood W with a light breeze from N.N.W.
Raised a school of whales at 2 P.M. but
they were galled by blackfish and killers
and we only succeeded in getting one
Mr Ryder got fast to the 2^d one but
as bad luck would have it the iron drew

Ship St. Peter Wednesday April 7th

Cut in the whale in the morning and started the works at 10 A.M. stood westward with light breezes. At 3 P.M. took a light squall

Thursday Apr 8th

Finished boiling and cleaned up decks at daylight. The wind is light and baffling making about W. N. W.

Friday Apr 9th

stood W. N. W. till noon when the course was altered to W. The wind is light and variable from the southward and the weather is hot and sultry.

Saturday Apr 10th

Made the eastern point of Make banks at 8 A.M. steering W. with a light breeze from E. under all sail. We lay and fished for a while but not being very successful were around to N.E. holding this course till 4 P.M. when the wind knocked us off to N.

Sunday Apr 11th

Steered W. by N. close hauled with light winds till 8 A.M. when we held the course of S. W. till 4 P.M. and then lifted to the wind again steering S. E. All the islands are in sight.

Ship St Peter Monday April 12th Seychelles . 32
Cloudy with variable and unsteady winds Stowed
32 bbls of oil in the after This makes work for me
The bilge water from the hold has turned everything
that was white almost as black as ink

Tuesday Apr 13th

It has been calm nearly all day and the old
haymaker is doing his best to melt us Stood
N.W. with what little breeze we had

Wednesday Apr 14th

Lighted Braslin this morning at 10 a.m.
Leaving W distant - 60 miles To day I made
out to mend my boat sail Stood N.W.
with unsteady winds and variable weather

Thursday Apr 15th

At 7 this morning kept off to N.W. and held
this course till noon and then W for Cowis
Puf'd to the wind on the starboard tack at sunset
and hove her to at 8 in the evening

Friday Apr 16th

Stood N.N.E close hauled till noon and then
wore around to S.W. holding that till 8 in
the evening when we hove her to

Ship St Peter Saturday April 17th

Braced forward at sunrise and stood on the
wind S W till 9 past 7 when she was kept off
to W At daylight Dennis island bore S S E
distant 12 miles sighted Cow island at 4 P.M.
Hauled aback the main yard at mid night

Sunday April 18th

Braced forward and stood to the northward
till 7 A.M. then kept off to S by W At noon
tacked to N.E. and run so till 8 in the evening
when she was hove to on the larboard tack

Monday April 19th

Stood E.N.E. till 2 P.M. when the wind hauled
and we tacked to S After this the wind and
weather was variable with squalls

Tuesday April 20th

Stood in to the southward during the night
and this morning we were close in to Praslin
Stood in S by W and made the harbor at 1
P.M. and came to an anchor in 100 fathoms of
water Battered ashore 13 casks of water and
filled it but the tide not serving did not
take the water off

Ship St. Peter Wednesday April 21st Braslin
Took off the water early this morning after which
the ship was washed off outside and the white
streak painted. Went to the wooding place this
morning but the owner was gone to make and
we did not get any. Probably will not get any.

Thursday Apr 22nd
Starboard watch ashore on liberty getting a
dollar apiece in cash. Nothing done aboard.

Friday Apr 23rd
Starboard watch ashore on liberty. I was ashore
most of the day at Madame Davie's preparing
things for the ball given by the mate in the
evening. The Captain took the starboard
boat and went around the island with a
cargo of bread on a trading voyage. He returned
at 4 1/2 with 5 hogs and a few hens bringing
back most of his bread spoiled in a squall.

Saturday Apr 24th
Got under way about 11 A.M. and put to
sea through the western passage with a light
breeze. Discharged Francis A. Dodge on account
of sickness.

Ship St Peter Sunday April 25th
Light winds and fine weather steering N. by E
& westward Last sight of land at 10 A.M. started
Let main & mizen top gallant sails & flying jib
at sunrise but the weather came on squally
and they were taken in at 4 P.M.

Monday April 26th
Stood to the northward between Dennis and cow
island with a light and variable wind

Tuesday April 27th
In the morning we had a fine breeze from
S. by E. but it fell during the day nearly calm
At 1/2 past 9 A.M. spoke the Barque Charleston
Brought of New Bedford Captain Lewis
master 12 mos out clean. She had however
sent home 136 bbls sperm oil from Western islands

Wednesday April 28th
Pleasant weather with light winds and calms
standing to the eastward N. by E. & N. E.

Let in and mended the flying jib. In the
evening hove to taking in light sail

Thursday April 29th
Breed forward at sunrise and stood N. by E. tacking
to W. at 8 Fine weather and moderate winds

Ship St-Peter Saturday May 1st Seychelles
Tacked at 7 This morning and stood Wd S W by W
under all sail The weather is hazy but pleasant
with light breezes from S S W

Sunday May 2nd

Fine weather with moderate breezes S S W steered
close hauled. Till 7 A.M. then ^{kept off} ~~tacked~~ and
stood N W Lighted Braslin bearing W

Monday May 3rd

Steered W N W during ^{the day} with a moderate breeze
under all sail Hauled aback in the evening

Tuesday May 4th

At 1/2 past 9 spoke the Bark Aspray of
St Bedford Cap'n Macinburg 11 mos out
At 2 P.M. spoke the Barque Bruce of
Fairhaven Cap'n Dyer 11 mos out - clean

At 5 spoke the Barque Clarice. Giffard

There are all to cruise here for a few
weeks and then put in at the Seychelles
for recruits After we left them we stood
to the S W between the Seychelles and the
Amirants with a light breeze & pleasant
weather Wednesday 5th was on the W side of
Mahe Banks lowered the boat and caught fish

Ship St Peter Monday May 10th
Light and variable winds Lighted the
Amirant islands they bearing Westerly
We stood to the S.E and lost sight of them
during the afternoon We continued to stand
to the Southward and on

Thursday May 13th
Was off to the S & W of Alphonso islands
in Lat 7.54 & Lon 5.2.00 Saw several breeches
today but nothing else. The wind freshens as
we get to the Southward and it is rather equally

Saturday May 15th
In the morning it comeneed to blow hard
and continued to rise till 1 P.M. when it blew
a perfect gale from the westward We had
gradually taken in sail as the gale increased
and at that time we took in the close reefed
main topsail and left her under bare poles
At 2 P.M. the wind began to fall gradually and
at sunset it had fallen so much that the
close reefed main topsail and foresail were
set The gale which began to blow from S
had hauled at sunset to N.E Sunday 16th
Made sail on the ship and stood S.S.W

Ship St Peter Sunday May 16th

We continued beating to the southward off the Cosmoledo~~s~~ and Aldabra islands

The blows a strong and steady breeze from S.E. Nothing turns up to break the dull monotony of the sailors life We are now about reeving new running rigging for our passage home the old being thrown aside as unfit for use Thursday 20th made the Cosmoledo islands and in the afternoon sent 2 boats ashore and got 3 turtles There are several men residing here for the purpose of taking turtles

Monday 24th made Assumption and at 6 P.M. sent the larboard boat ashore for turtle

Tuesday 25th It came on calm just after midnight and this morning we could not see land at all the current being very strong had set us far to the westward A light breeze sprang up at 8 from W and we stood up towards the island but the current had set us off so far that we only got sight of land late in the afternoon

Wednesday 26th Had light and baffling winds At 4 P.M. we was about 18 miles off the island and saw our boat coming which got alongside at 6 with 7 turtles

After we left Assumption we stood S.W. by S. with strong breezes bound for Johanna and on Wednesday June 2nd sighted land bearing S.W. here we beat and baraged off the harbor for 2 days and was obliged to run to the West as far as Comore before we could lay up so as to run in

Friday June 4th

This morning we were off Saddle island and close in to land. We stood on at 4 past 9 A.M. came to an anchor in 23 fathoms of water. We found here the Barques Richmond Cap'n Beckings Cornelia Cap'n Savoll and Clarice Cap'n Gifford - besides there was an English brig and a French schooner. Keften 18 casks ashore for water.

Saturday June 5th

Contrary to expectation the starboard watch was sent ashore on liberty.

Sunday June 6th

Starboard watch ashore on liberty.

Monday June 7th

Began breaking out and cooeping the oil. Found some of the whale oil leaked out.

Ship St Peter Tuesday June 8th Johanna
Continued coopersing the oil finding that
about 10 bbls more had leaked out. The Barque
Elisha Dunbar Cap'n Ellis came in about noon
and dropped his anchor just ahead of us Cap'n
Almy went aboard and got letters and invited Cap'n
Ellis to dinner. Invitation accepted.

Wednesday June 9th

Finished coopersing and stowing the oil and during
the day took off our raft of water and hoisted
it in The Barque Catherwood. Allen came in
and dropped her anchor at 11 this morning. She
is 14 mi's out with 450 spm

Thursday June 10th

The Catherwood came in to day instead of
yesterday and the Dunbar the 9th. Today took
off some tar and a bullock

Saturday June 12th

Starboard watch ashore. On board sent down
the fore topgallantmast and repaired the cross
trees. In the evening it blew a gale of wind

Sunday June 13th

The starboard watch are ashore on liberty
Went aboard the Catherwood this evening

Skip St. Peter Tuesday June 18th

At daylight turned all hands to and got under way in a powerful shower of rain. I stood out under the jib till we stowed the anchors and then gave her topsails and courses splitting the fore topsail in setting it. After we got clear of Saddle Island hauled on the wind and stood W. S. W. till 1 P. M. when we made Mahille and tacked to the Eastward Tackled to the West at sunset again. Wind strong from South.

From this place we continued to stand to the southward with strong breezes bound to Fernon Belosee bay for wood in Lat 42° 18' Lon about 39.00 E. We had a rough passage against a strong head wind from about 9 varying a little at times to the eastward. On the 20th at sunset run into the mouth of Fernon Belosee bay and hove to it being so late we could not come to an anchor.

Monday June 21st

I stood up the bay about 7 miles and came to anchor at 11 A. M. in 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms of water. In the afternoon took up our new sails and bent them stowing the old ones.

Ship St Peter Thursday June 2^d Fernon Belose
To day we finished getting wood and at
and at 4 P.M. weighed anchor and stood
out to sea with a light breeze from the
southward. From Fernon Belose we
continued to stand to the southward
with light winds from the southward
and eastward some times varying a
little to the westward The weather has
been uniformly pleasant On the 4th
of July we stood in towards the coast
and sighted the Bazanita Islands
in 21.30 S. Lat. Lon 36.28 E These islands
3 in number are little less than piles
of drift sand close to the waters edge
however there are a few low trees

We continued to stand along in sight
of the coast for several days On the 7th
got a fair wind from the north and set
studding sails on the larboard side
stood S I W and lost sight of land again
at 4 P.M. On the afternoon of the 8th the
weather came on cloudy and the wind
hauling to the southward & westward

and blew fresh so that sunset we took in
studding sails and braced up the yards
and in the evening took in light sails
and double reefed topsails The wind in-
creased during the night to a perfect gale
and at 8 AM on the 9th hove her to under
close reefed main topsail fore spencer
and fore topmast staysail with her head
to the eastward

Saturday July 10th

The gale continues unabated At 4
this morning a sea broke over us and
took the waist board slick and clean
leaving only about 4 feet of her stern
The same sea smashed the galley in
and the cook being inside at the time
was considerably scared and a little
hurt - I scared or hurt - he went below and
turned in and nothing more was seen of
him for 3 days The gale broke away on
the 11th and for a few days the wind was
light and baffling from the southward
and after that 24 hours fair wind and then
another gale from the westward.

We were till the 26th of July before we got clear
of the Cape of Good Hope From the 9 to the
23 we took 4 separate gales of wind from the W^{ind}
and all but once was obliged to heave her to
under close reefed main topsail Fore spencer
and fore topmast staysail This place was well
named the Cape of Storms and King. John must
have had strange notions come into his head when
he called it the Cape of Good Hope Although
our gales were not of long duration (varying from
36 to 48 hours) they were very severe Sometimes
they were accompanied with hard squalls of
hail and rain and it would cut through the
skin almost like shot During the gales we
were obliged to pump her every 2 hours varying
from 1 to 500 strokes every spell The sea has took
off considerable of her planking on the bulwarks
the larboard side and the head rails. Fortunately
we have had no sails carried away and all the
spars that we have lost is the lower studding sail
boom On the 27 of July the wind hauled a little more
to the west ward and we being considerably W of
the Cape stood to the Northward till the 7th of
August in Lat 26. S we fell in with the ^{Go East}
Trade winds

Ship St Peter Thursday Aug 5th Lat 26.19 N
We had baffling and unsteady winds from
the southward steering N W by N with lower
fore topmast and topgallant studding sails
out forward and topgallant studding sail on
the main

Friday Aug 6th 24.53
Strong breezes with squalls steering N W by N
We have got the S E Trades at last and are
saddling before them right merrily Now is
the time we begin to think we are homeward
bound

Saturday Aug 7th 23.25 E
Strong breezes and fine weather still holding
the course of N W by N In the evening the wind
was baffling and the men were pulling and
hauling nearly all night

Sunday Aug 8th 21.45
Steady and strong breezes from S. E. with cloudy
weather steering N W by N We got up the old
topgallant sail at 11 past 9 A.M. and made a
flying lower studding sail of it so we have
studding sails both sides abow and aloft

Monday Aug 9th
Moderate breezes and cloudy weather Passed
the meridian at noon St Helena bore N W by W
300 miles distant

Ship St Peter Tuesday Aug 10th 19.08
Light winds and cloudy weather steering N.W. by N
In the afternoon and evening the wind was very
baffling and the men were busy taking in and
setting studding sails breezing the yards &c

Wednesday Aug 11 18.22 19.47

Unsteady winds with squalls. Steered N.W. by N
till noon and then the course was altered to
N.N.W. Afternoon wind freshened with squalls

Thursday Aug 12th 17.10 18.54

Baffling and unsteady winds from S.E. steering
N.W. by N. At noon St Helena bore N 40° 15' N 107
miles distant Hauled up to N by W at 1 P.M. to
sight St Helena

Friday Aug 13th 16.54

Passed ^{W of} the Island of St Helena at 8 A.M.
Winds light and baffling steering N.N.W.
Saw a sail to westward at 12 past 8 A.M. At
noon she bore away and stood about N.N.W. She had
previously been standing up towards the island.
St Helena is the most ragged place we have
seen this voyage

Ship St Peter Saturday Aug 14th 15:17

Light and baffling winds from the Eastward
with fine weather Steered N by N

The craft we saw yesterday is about 15 miles
astern gradually loosing ground although he
has everything out even to royal studding sails

Sunday Aug 15 14:31

Moderate breeze and fine weather steering N by N
The wind hauled to E S E at 10 A.M. Shifted the
larboard main top gallant stunsail to the
starboard side forward Lost sight of our
neighbor at 10 A.M. astern

Monday Aug 16th Oct 13:1

Moderate breezes from S S E with fine weather
steering N by N There is a long heavy swell setting
to Westward began making spungann

Tuesday Aug 17th 11:41

The wind hauled to E S E early this morning
and the weather came on cloudy Steered N by N

Wednesday Aug 18th 10:00

Fresh breezes and fine weather steering N by N
Turned all hands to in the afternoon and
began fitting ship for home

Ship St Peter Thursday Aug 19th 1866
Fresh breezes with thick smoky weather steering N by E
Passed the island of Ascension at 2 P.M. 30 miles
to the E of it Ascension in 7.56^h Lat & 14.16^h Lon

Friday Aug 20th Lat 6.12 S

The breeze holds steady and strong from SE course
at N till 3 P.M. when it was altered to N by W
Crossed the royal yards and bent the sails at 3 P.M.
These should have been sent aloft a month ago but
there is nothing done in this ship till the last east

Saturday Aug 21st 4.51 S

Moderate breezes and clear steering N by N
blew down the royals at sunrise so they can
stand mast heads set them again at sunset

They are at work in earnest fitting ship All hands
are rattling tarring &c with good earnest

Sunday Aug 22nd 3.4 S

Fine breezes and clear steering N by N The
atmosphere is very thick and smoky although there
is scarcely a cloud in the sky We are now 24 days with
out taking in topgallant sails and 22 days with the
topgallant studding sails out

Ship St Peter Monday Aug 23rd ^{2 1/2} ~~2 1/4~~
Fine breezes and clear weather steering N by E
Finished rattling down the main rigging
Towards night the wind fell almost calm

Tuesday Aug 24th 1.28.9
The wind holds light from N.E. still holding
the course of N by E At sunrise took in
mizen topsail and topgallantsail - fore topgallant
sail and royal but the wind hauling to S
in the evening they were set again

Wednesday Aug 25th 9.07.9
The weather holds fine and breezes are
moderate from N.E. Several vessels passed
us to day steering S by E & Westward

Thursday Aug 26th
The breeze continues from the southward
with fine weather steering N by E There
appears to be a small current here setting
to the northward Lat 1.18 N

Friday Aug 27th Lat 2.25
Moderate breezes from S by E steering N by E
The wind hauled more to the southward at
2 P.M. Finished tarring down the rigging &c

Ship St. Peter Saturday Aug 28th 3.36 p
Light winds from the southward steering S^W by S
At 8th passed a brig steering to the southward
The "Old man" sent forward 2 buckets of peanuts &
a bottle of rum that he took from Harry some time
ago so the men had a bust

Sunday Aug 29th 4.30 a 3.49 p
The wind continues light from the southward
with fine weather although it was cloudy and
looked like rain last evening

Monday Aug 30th 5.35 p
Light airs and calms and fine weather steered S^W by S
Made sinnet gaskets for the sails fore and aft
From the 80th of to we had all sorts of
weather, head winds, calms squalls &c &c
For a few moments we would have a fair and
fine breeze and all the studding sails would
be set and then perhaps it would haul directly
ahead and fall calm Since I have been going
to sea I have never seen such unsteady weather
even the Gulf Stream is scarcely so bad as
it is here Some days we make 6 or 8 miles of
latitude and sometimes not so much and
besides there is no attention paid to sailing

ship half of the time We are going along
for hours together; sometimes with the yards
braced sharp up and the wind perkeps on the
quarter and again the wind will be ahead and
the yards square and every thing shaking perkeps
half of the time the ship has stern way on
her It wants 2 captains certainly to this
ship, 1 to keep run of the ship and another
to play with the dog and run the tursing
lathe I suppose if they do not finish tinkering
befor they get to the gulf they will shorten sail
and lay the main yard aback Sometimes I
sit for a long time and see the sails aback
or a fair wind with the yards braced up and
feel like taking the "old man" by the back of
the neck and hold his face up so he can
see what is going on aloft - It continued
calm weether till Sunday Sep^r 12th in Oct
12. 1844 Lon 42° 30' N when we got a fresh wind
from the eastward for 3 or 4 days and then it
was light airs and calms for nearly a

week during which time we painted the ship
outside and inside, Boats and all Weather like
this is certainly the most trying thing that
a sailor can have on a passage home. To be
gone 3 long years from home is bad enough
but to have it come on calm when he has
got almost there and almost-fancies he
can see it is almost beyond endurance
With what anxiety we watch every ripple
that plays on the surface of the water to
see if we can see anything that foretells a
coming breeze All our spare moments
are spent in looking over the weather rail
and talking about the wind - wondering how
long before we will get a fresh breeze &c
Well we did not finish wondering and wishing
till Oct 18th Oct 17th 24' when we got a strong
breeze again from E & accompanied ~~with~~
with squalls Then we saw large quantities
of gulf weed and several vessels bound in to
the westward This revives our hopes and we
soon hope to see the shores of our native
land again

The breeze continued to blow strong from the eastward for several days and we bowled along merrily till we got in latitude $26^{\circ}00'$ Lon $55^{\circ}12'$ When it came on squally weather with baffling winds On Saturday Sep 25th took a squall from Sth that carried away the crosstack yard and main topsail Eye This was done a little the quickest of anything I have seen yet The wind had been blowing from the northward and as the wind shifted they were bearing round and the wind struck us as the main and mizen yards were about square. It filled the sails and there being no one to hold on to the weather braces the yards went whipping right fore and aft The main topsail yard came down by the run and the crosstack yard parted at the same instant so between the slatting of sails the rattling of blocks &c I thought the topmasts were gone The squall lasted about 5 minutes and then it fell calm However a breeze sprang up at 3 P.M. which soon freshened to a gale which lasted through the night

We continued to have variable and unsteady
breezes from the southward for several days
On the 28th picked up a bottle but found nothing
in it For several days we have seen large patches
of gulf weed Sep 29th spoke the schooner
Prompero of Alexandria 34 days from
Norfolk Va bound to Barbadoes with Flour
and Bread Sep 30th Oct 1st had a strong gale
of wind from the northward coming around from
the westward We had stood in to the westward
of Bermudas and as the gale hauled to the
northward it shoved us in rather close to
the land and we was obliged to carry on to
her to keep from going ashore As it was
we shaved it pretty close going but a few
miles to the westward of the westernmost
reefs The 2nd of Oct the gale abated but the
wind continued baffling from the northward
till the 4th when it fell calm but on the 5th a
light breeze sprang up from SW which held
till we got in the Gulf stream which we did
at 9 A.M. on the morning of the 5th

We had a fine run of 24 hours through the
Gulf stream and had hardly got through
when we spoke the Brig Montrose of ~~N.Y.~~
Portland 2 days from New York roads From
her we got dates to the end of Octo.

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Ship Saint Peter

new breakfast map

Whist-blow of ship. 1st. Also done by a whistle



Lowering the Boats for whales



*Cutting in a
whale*

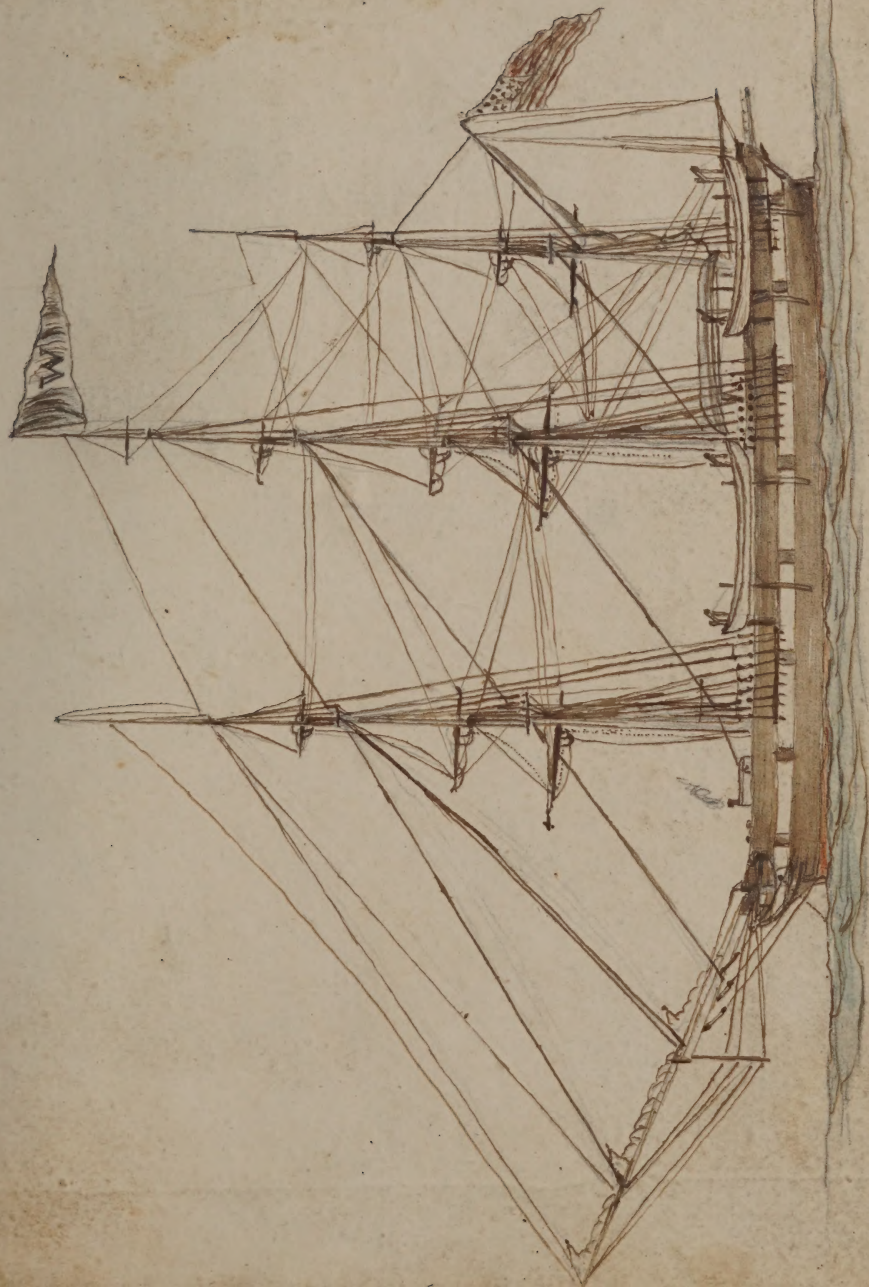


Sarah W^d



The Ship "St Peter" whaling.





Ship "Saint Peter" of New Bedford

